RETURN THIS COPY TO VEP

Receipt acknowledged this 7
day of Sept., 1963.
Signed: Dr. R. A. Hawkins

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

September 6, 1963

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voters Registration Coordinating
Committee
917 Beatties Ford Rd.
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Re VEP 3-23

We have given careful consideration to your request that we support your voter education project and have reached a decision to make a preliminary grant in the amount of $1000 for a 30-day program.

We are enclosing a copy of the conditions and restrictions which we impose upon all grants and we suggest that you study it carefully. It must also be emphasized here that no part of these funds may be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of or against any political candidate.

The proceeds of this grant must be deposited in a special bank account, separate and apart from any other funds which you might have coming into your organization, and all expenditures must be supported by a voucher on a form prescribed by this office. You will be required to furnish us with a detailed accounting of your expenditures at the close of this 30-day period, and your books and records should be available at all reasonable times for inspection by a member of the VEP staff upon request.

It should be understood that the Voter Education Project is primarily a research project, and that while funds are being

given your organization in support of your voter registration program, you will be required to supply VEP with certain statistical information pertaining to your registration efforts so that we can study and analyze the various reports submitted.

Mr. Jack Minnis, Director of Research for the Voter Education Project, will send you the forms which should be used, together with forms for reports which this office will require. He will also write you explaining the completion and filing of these reports.

We are enclosing a carbon copy of this letter and you are requested to acknowledge receipt of the original of this letter, the check in the amount of $1000.00, and your understanding of the conditions of this grant, by signing the carbon copy of this letter and returning it to this office.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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enc.: 3

September 11, 1963

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voters Registration
Coordinating Committee
917 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

RE: VEP 3-23

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Mr. Blackwell, our Field Director, tells me he has requested that you provide us with a description of your organization and of the manner in which your proposed project will function. In addition to this, for our research purposes, we shall require additional information concerning the problems of Negro registration in your community as you see them at the beginning of your project. The reasons why you think the techniques you are adopting in your project will solve these problems, the actual number of new voters registered by your project, your appraisal of the accuracy of your original analysis of problems, and the efficacy of the techniques which you applied in their solution.

We are sending, under separate cover, a set of forms upon which you can report the numbrical results of your project, and ane other set upon which you can report by answering certain questions about Negro and white attitudes toward registration in your community. The other information referred to above, we request that you put in narrative reports. Your analysis of problems and description of techniques for their solution should be prepared and set to us during the early stages of the project. Your appraisal of the project as a whole should, of course, come after the termination of the project. We ask that you supply reports on the two sets of forms monthly, with the reports to be in our office not later than the 10th of the month beginning October 10. The first narrative report should be in our hands by that time also.

It may occur to you that the use of the form appraising attitudes of Negroes and whites in the community on a monthly basis is unnecessarily repetitious. Our reason for wanting this form completed each month is based upon our experience that these attitudes frequently change during the course of a project, and it is important that we take account of such changes in attitude when they occur.

If you have any objections to, or questions about, this reporting, we hope you will express them at the earliest possible date in order that we may resolve any difficulties as soon as possible. If we can in any way assist you during the course of your project, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

My very best wishes for a successful registration program.

Very truly yours,

Jack Minnis
Director of Research

JM:js

3-23

September 23, 1963

Dr. Reginald A. Hawkins
P. O. Box 8281
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte 8, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Thank you for your letter of September 17, and the clipping from the Charlotte Observer. It appears that your registration drive is well underway, and we are looking forward, with considerable anticipation, to the reports which will spell out in more detail how you are accomplishing this.

You mentioned in your letter that you could use my help, but you did not spedify what you would like me to do. If you will do so, I would be most happy to help you in any way I can.

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Negro, 71, Is Registered For 1st Vote

Among the more than 100 unregistered Negro voters who responded Monday to a registration campaign was a 71-year-old man who said he couldn't read or write.

But he wanted to register, though the law requires reading ability and the writing of the voter's name. In Mecklenburg, registrants are required to read the oath of registration as a test.

He said he could write his name and proceeded to spell it carefully. But the reading stumped him. He had, he said, been "put out to work" when he was little, earning $4 a week, and had not gotten to school.

But he had been working with the Bible a little.

So Mrs. Claude Hudson, a Board of Elections Office worker, sat in a corner with him.

After 25 laborious minutes, he could read the oath.

He registered to cast his first vote in 71 years.

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PHONE FR 5-7003
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1703 MADISON AVE.
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September 17, 1963

SEP 18 1963

Mr. Jack Minnis
Director Of Research
Room 206, 5 Forsyth Street, Northwest
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Minnis:

As you will see we have gotten the show off the road. We are running into a few obstacles but, I am sure as we continue they will all be ironed out. The newspaper clipping is inadequate. We registered over three hundred persons.

I will be sending you the reports as soon as I can get around to it as I am so heavily engaged, as you can see. We could certainly use your help. ?

I hope all is well with you.

Yours truly,

Reginald

Reginald A. Hawkins, D. D. S.

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Enclosure

SEP 26 1963

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NON-PARTISAN VOTER REGISTRATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Proposed Budget for year, September 1963 - September 1964

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Barclay Cafeteria (luncheon for ministers)	50.00
Charlotte Water Department (for headquarters)	5.00
Mrs. Thera Garvin, Secretary (petty cash)	13.47
Total	$243.47

Receipts:

From Voter Education Project	$1,000.00
Proposed Budget	$10,000.00

This amount of money we are asking from Voter Education Project to fulfill our mission of 10,000 registered voters.

OCT 7 1963

Non-Partisan Voters Registration Coordinating Committee
917 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina
October 4, 1963

Miss Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., N. W., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Miss Levine:

Enclosed is the financial accounting of the $1,000.00 as requested in your letter dated October 1, 1963.

Other information, relative to the project has been forwarded to the office.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Hawkins

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Mrs. Catherine Price (expenses)	90.00
Barclay Cafeteria (luncheon for ministers)	50.00
Charlotte Water Department (for headquarters)	5.00
Mrs.Thera Garvin, Secretary (petty cash)	13.47
Five Point Furniture Co. (heaters for headquarters)	22.50
Mrs. Thera Garvin, Secretary (refreshments for committee meeting)	13.00
Piedmont Natural Gas Co. (for turning on gas)	25.00
Total	504.79

Receipts:

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Our project began on September 16, 1963 and many of the bills, relative to headquarters, will not come in until after the 16th of October.

R. A. Hawkins, Chairman

10-8-63

October 1, 1963

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voters Registration
Coordinating Committee
917 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Re VEP 3-23

This is to remind you that the Voter Education Project will be expecting a full financial accounting of the $1,000.00 sent you on September 6.

Since this was a preliminary grant it will be necessary for us to close our books on this phase of the program before any future program could be considered. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

Memo from JEAN LEVINE

October 23, 1963

Telephone Memo

Dr. R. A. Hawkins phoned me this afternoon and said that my letter to him of October 8, 1963 had just been received by him because of some error on the part of the Post Office.

He is getting progress reports and cancelled checks and bank statements off to us immediately.

J. L.

OCT 29 1963

Non-Partisan Voters Registration
Coordinating Committee
917 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina
October 24, 1963

Mrs. Jean Levine, Administrative Secretary
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., N. W., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Levine:

Inclosed find cancelled checks, bank statement and vouchers as requested in your letter of October 8.

I received your letter and check in the morning mail in the amount of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00).

The delay in these reports is as I explained to you by telephone on yesterday.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Hawkins

R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee

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October 23, 1963

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee
917 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

The Voter Education Project is not ready, at this time, to make any approval for a year-round program for your project. So that your activities will not be interrupted in the interim, however, we are enclosing our check in the amount of $1000 as a supplement to the VEP 3-23 project.

Will you kindly send the cancelled checks and bank statements which were requested in our letter of October 8, in order that this audit may be made immediately.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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BY to WRB

October 8, 1963

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voters Registration
Coordinating Committee
917 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Thank you for your letter of October 4, and the attached breakdown of your expenditures. To satisfy our obligations to the Treasury Departments, in terms of the stipulations of our tax exempt status, it will be necessary for us to receive from you all cancelled checks and bank statements from the special account you were instructed to open at the time the grant was made on September 6.

May we have these as quickly as possible in order to close our books on this phase of your program. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

November 6, 1963

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee
917 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Thank you for your recent financial reporting which I have just finished entering into our books. So that you will understand our reporting system I should tell you that of the $876.91 which your voucher check carbons totaled, we were able to accept into our books only $429.94. The reason for this difference is that $446.97 of the voucher check copies represented expenditures for which we will need supporting vouchers so that we will know for what these amounts were paid. I am attaching a list of these checks and request supporting vouchers giving us the information we need - specifically for what these expenditures were made.

I am enclosing your cancelled checks and bank statements with the request that from now on you send us your voucher check carbons weekly and we will, therefore, not need cancelled checks and bank statements again, unless some peculiar problem arises. The voucher carbons will suffice.

We will be looking for your next financial reporting on or about November 13, 1963. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

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attach.

Please supply vouchers telling us for what the checks written below were written:

#103	Petty Cash*	$20.00
#104	Naomi Drennan**	30.00
#105	Catherine Price**	30.00
#107	Petty Cash*	13.47
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#119	Catherine Price**	30.00
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#122	Evelyn McMullen**	15.00
#126	Naomi Drennan**	30.00
#127	Catherine Price**	30.00
#128	Mrs. G. W. Murray**	30.00
#129	Walter Alexander**	6.00
#130	Evelyn McMullen**	22.50
#132	Rev. P.E. Davis**	10.00
	Total Unsupported Payments	$446.97

* We will need receipts and vouchers on all petty cash payments.
**What were these persons' expenses?

11-15-63

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November 15, 1963

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Make copy for research department
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Send M. Reese a copy of this article
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Bond-Vote Registration Ends Busily

Observer - 11/18/63

The County Elections Office had a hectic day Monday as more than 450 persons lined up to register for the Dec. 10 school bond referendum.

The books for the referendum closed at 5:15 p.m.

Elections officials said about 100,000 Mecklenburg residents would be eligible to vote on whether the Board of Education should be allowed to borrow $15.6 million for new schools.

Monday's last-minute flurry brought to 5,236 the number of new and reactivated voters who have been registered since Sept. 1.

The overwhelming majority of these—well over 4,000—have been Negroes registered during an intensive campaign by the Mecklenburg Organization on Political Affairs.

November 18, 1963

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Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee of MOPA
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina
November 19, 1963

Mr. Jack Minnis
Director of Research
Room 206, S. Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Minnis:

The first phase of our registration campaign ended yesterday, November 18. As you will note we exceeded our original estimate of 3,000 by registering 5,236 voters.

It is our desire to resume our second phase in mid-March, giving us a six weeks before the books close before the spring primary.

Due to the interest shown here and our experiences during the first phase, we are sure that we can go over the top before November, 1964. Therefore, we do ask that we could be given financial aid in phase two .

Thanks for all consideration given. I remain.

Yours truly

R. A. Hawkins

Dr.R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee of MOPA

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Enclosure

From: Non-Partisan Voters Registration Coordinating Committee

917 Beatties Ford Road

Charlotte, North Carolina

To: Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

The final analysis of the first phase of this registration that began September 16 exceeded all expectation, in one day's operation, with the books in the precincts, November 9, we were able to put on 1,051 new voters. Although the books were in the possession of the Negro registrars, they were not allowed to do any more registrating beyond the November 9th date. This is contrary to the law, but the Board of Election continued registration down town at headquarters rather than in the precincts, stating that they are afraid of criticism from the Republicans. Most of the Negroes registered were Democrats.

There have been some problems such as financial hinderance by the board of election and the inability to do night registration. These problems concerning direct registration came about becuase of the success of our first phase. We estimated to register about 3,000 in the first phase, but by all calculations we have exceeded the 5,000 mark, therefore forcing us to double our original estimate of 10,000 new voters by November 1964.

The power structure has been keeping a vigil on our activities and are all shook up.

Since cold weather is setting in, the books closed on November 18, before a bond election and we are now out of money, the first phase of our registration drive ended November 18. The results of this first phase proved to us, beyond a reasonable doubt, that we can benefit from the mistakes and obstacles that we encountered, in the past, from all forces and now we can go forward with phase two with greater success. Therefore, if given the money we need, we assure you that we shall overcome. We do hereby apply for your financial help and know-how in the months that lie ahead as were given to us in phase one.

The next registration drive will begin in mid-March, just before the primary.

Signed:

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman

Members of Steering Committee:

Dr. R. P. Perry
Mr. Walter Alexander
Mrs. Sadie Grigg

Rev. Ezra Moore
Mr. James Maxwell
Dr. Roy Wynn
Attorney T. H. Wyche
Mrs. Evelyn McMullen
Mr. James Polk
Mr. Emanuel Ross
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Mrs. Burrell Jordan
Mr. Charlton Marrow
Mr. Kelly Alexander
Mrs. Naomi Drennan
Mr. John Helton

12-4-63

November 26, 1963

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Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Thank you for your letter of November 13, and for the financial report which you enclosed. I have discussed your feelings about receipts and vouchers from your workers, who are laboring so hard and giving so much of their time, with Mr. Branton. He is willing to accept the figures you have submitted provided that you have satisfied yourself that these expenditures are legitimate. He does request, however, that you make an effort to get receipts and vouchers wherever possible so that we may satisfy our responsibility to the Treasury Department. You are aware, I know, that we are a tax exempt organization, and as such we have certain obligations which we are obliged to fulfill.

We have a request to make of you and that is that in the future you identify checks (which in the past you have termed "expenses") as "subsistence" since this is an actual category in our books and more accurately describes those expenditures you are making. These are the checks you will be writing for those five people you mention in your letter. We will also require for our files a sample or copy of the text of the "ad" for which you wrote your check #133 on October 24, in the amount of $5.00.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

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Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee
917 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina
November 13, 1963

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Mrs. Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Levine: Re: Supporting Vouchers

Your letter dated November 6, 1963, concerning the above mentioned matter, was received.

I am inclosing my financial report which I hope will explain most of the expenses because they are for the same people doing the same work. These people are giving five (5) full days per week, contacting people who are downtown paying bills, shopping etc., taking them to the Election Board and seeing that they are registered. These are the people responsible for most of our success. They have to pay their bus fares, buy their lunches and for any other expenses they are not at home to do that they usually do.

Check # 103, petty cash, was for transporting Johnson C. Smith students downtown for volunteer service to help with registration and to buy lunches, if they are not on the campus during lunch period.

Check # 107, petty cash, was for buying small items to be used around the office, such as, stamps, pencils, pens, paper towels, toilet tissue, light bulbs etc..

I have not asked these people, who are giving so much of their time, for an itemized account of their expenditures because I do not want to cause conflict at this time. If you must have this, I will ask for it.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Hawkins

R. A. Hawkins, Chairman

RAH:tg

Inc. 2 reports

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NOV 27 1963

Voter Registration Headquarters
917 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, N. C.

Mrs. Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Levine:

Enclosed find carbon copies of checks for our final report of phase one (1) from Voter Registration Headquarters. Other reports have already been forwarded to your office.

We closed the Headquarters on Friday, November 22, 1963.

Yours truly,

R.A. Hawkins

Dr. R.A. Hawkins,
Chairman.

RAH:tg

Enclosures

Balance as of 11/27/63 $28.23

JL

VEP 3-23

1-24-64

-News-
1/24/64

New Voter Registration Near Record

The 9,199 new voter registrations takens in 1963 probably set a record for an off-election year.

Elections Board Executive Secretary Mrs. Orris Carpenter said registration drives put on by Negroes and opponents of the "Little Federal" amendment were responsible for most of the registrations.

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THEY TOOK PLACE largely between September and the year's end.

Of the new registrations, 7,099 registered as Democrats, 1,900 as Republicans and 200 as independents.

The total registration dropped this year, however, from 111,539 to 104,109 due to a purging of inactive voters from the list.

January 8, 1964

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voters Registration
Coordinating Committee
917 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Our records indicate that we have received no financial reporting from your project since November, at which time you had a balance of $28.23 of unreported VEP funds. Will you kindly furnish us with a final financial and progress report so that we may close our books on this program.

We would also like to receive a copy of the "ad" we requested of you on November 26, for which your check #133 in the amount of $5.00 was written on October 24. It is necessary for our Research files.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

JL: lg

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January 11, 1964

Rec'd 1-13-64

Mrs. Jean Levine, Administrative Secretary
Voter Education Project
Room 206 - 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Levine:

During our discussion in Altanta in November, I was left with the impression that the program would be closed for last year and to leave the $28.23 balance to begin our program for this year.

I am sorry for this misunderstanding and I am forwarding to you the last two bank statements, checks and the advertisement.

Hoping your holidays were enjoyable and greetings for a profitable New Year.

Sincerely yours,

R. A. Hawkins

R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voters Registration
Coordinating Committee

RAH/kfa

P.S. I just left Washington, and because of the death of President John F. Kennedy and the up-coming Primary in North Carolina we have decided to start the next phase of registration campaign now. How do we get the next grant immediately.

1-27-64

January 20, 1964

Mr. Philip Weightman
C.O.P.E.
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Phil:

We have received a request from Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman of the Non-Partisan Voter Registration Coordinating Committee in Charlotte, North Carolina, seeking $5,000 for a program which is to run from February 1 to May 16, 1964.

Before taking any action on this request we would like to know whether or not COPE plans to contribute to this project and if so, what amount. In order that we can take action at an early date we would appreciate a prompt reply.

Kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

2-5-64

January 29, 1964

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28208

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 16 in which you submitted a proposed budget in the amount of $5,000 for a program which is to run from February 1 to May 16, 1964. Because of the outstanding success which you achieved in your last program I feel certain that VEP can contribute to your budget again this year but there is additional information which we will need before taking final action on your request. Will you please answer the following questions or submit the necessary information.

1) How much of the proposed budget do you intend to raise locally?

2) How much of the budget will you seek from outside sources other than VEP (such as COPE, national political parties, etc.)?

3) How much of a grant will you require from VEP?

4) NAACP claims credit for having registered 5000 voters in Charlotte during 1963. Was this your program or a different program? To your knowledge what funds or assistance did NAACP provide for registration in Charlotte?

Your former program under VEP was given hasty approval without the requirement for the use of printed (in triplicate) voucher checks such as we require for most of our projects and I am certain that we would want to use this system on any future grant. We are, therefore, enclosing a set of instructions for use with the voucher check system.

You may either have your checks printed in Charlotte or we can have them printed for you here in Atlanta and bill you for the cost. I would suggest that you have at least 250 checks printed. If you want us to have the checks printed for you here then mail us a blank check showing the full name of your bank and of your account, including any electronic code numbers.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
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cc: Mr. Phil Weightman

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Committee on Political Education

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January 28, 1964

JAN 30 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W. Rm. 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

In answer to your letter of January 20, 1964, with reference to Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman of the Non-Partisan Voter Registration Coordinating Committee in Charlotte, North Carolina, Dr. Hawkins made a request of us for funds in order that he could continue their registration drive started sometime last year which you are familiar with. He indicated that he needed about $5000 to put on an extensive and successful registration drive to run from February 1 to May 16, 1964.

COPE agreed to contribute $2000 to help finance the program. Subsequent to this, Dr. Hawkins called me and requested that we advance him $1000 to get the program started and until VEP were prepared to advance their share of the money. We have done this and we will be prepared within a few weeks to give the remainder of our pledge.

With kind personal regards,

Phil

Philip M. Weightman

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February 1, 1964

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Attorney Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, Northwest
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Attorney Branton:

Since last seeing you much has taken place in Charlotte that has kept me quite busy. The great success that we had in our last registration campaign broke all off-year registration records here and you can imagine the trouble it stirred up among our emenies both White and Negro. We are now all set to really make a great push in registration as we feel that we really learned from the last drive valuable information that will contribute to our greater success in the months ahead.

To answer the questions that you posed in your last letter.

1) How much of the proposed budget do you intend to raise locally?
The last drive ran us over four thousand, two hundred dollars ($4,200), and we are sure that the upcoming one will run way over the amount we are asking now from VEP, therefore, what ever is needed to put the drive over we intend to raise locally. We have learned that it is much easier to raise additional money if needed if you are doing or have done a good job. We intend to do a good job and raise the finances over five thousand dollars ($5,000) as needed, locally.

2) How much of the budget will you seek from outside sources other than VEP (such as COPE, National political parties, etc.)?
As I stated in question one we were fortunate by recieving additional money from other sources in our phase I drive, COPE contributed one thousand, five hundred dollars ($1,500), VEP, two thousand dollars ($2,000) and the rest of an expenditure of four thousand, two hundred dollars ($4,200) came from me personally and other local sources.

As we understand VEP has a restrictive requirement for usage of its funds, therefore, other items needed to run a successful drive, yet VEP will not allow, must be secured and the money has to be raised from outside sources. To date we have received one thousand dollars ($1,000) from COPE for phase II drive. We have in our two treasuries one thousand fourteen dollars ($1,014). So what VEP does not contribute we will have to raise on a wing and a prayer. I would like to say here though, that in our last drive we got close to six thousand new Negro registrants with the expenditure of four thousand, two hundred dollars ($4,200). The City and County Governments financed a special registration against the so-called Little Federal Plan and registered less than three thousand new registrants and spent nine thousand dollars ($9,000). In phase II between now and May 1, 1964 we hope to register twelve thousand new registrants. Judging from this we understand we'll need every dollar we can get beyond the five thousand dollars ($5,000) requested from VEP.

3) How much of a grant will you require from VEP? The budget of five thousand dollars ($5,000) we submitted to VEP is requested.

4) N.A.A.C.P. claims credit for having registered five thousand voters in Charlotte during 1963. Was this your program or a different program? To your knowledge what funds or assistance did N.A.A.C.P. provide for registration in Charlotte?
This is all news to me and others here in Charlotte about N.A.A.C.P. registering anyone in Charlotte during 1963. In our program between September and November we put over five thousand new registrants on the books, we sent to your office regular reports and newspaper accounts of our progress, and these are all of the Negroes registered in 1963. So if there is any claim by N.A.A.C.P., they have to be taking credit for our program and this is nothing new to us here in Charlotte and throughout the state. The local or state N.A.A.C.P. did not contribute any funds or assistance towards registration in Charlotte in 1963. We couldn't even get the N.A.A.C.P. to cooperate or come to any of our meetings. There were attempts to get Mr. Kelly Alexander to be a member of our committee, he never attended a meeting.

After the first two weeks of our first project we were able to get the triplicate voucher checks and we did use them throughout the project, we still have some left. Upon reporting our finances used from the project grant we sent to VEP the vouchers and in the future we plan to continue using the voucher check system as outlined.

We are seeking a most successful phase II of our registration campaign, it is unfortunate that every organization in Charlotte is cooperating except the N.A.A.C.P., and it is most unfortunate that the leadership would stoop to such low tactics as taking credit for others labor. It's late though to worry about such, we have a job to be done for the benefit of us all.

Sincerely yours,

R. A. Hawkins

R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee

CC: Mr. Philip M. Weightman
815 16th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

RAH/kfa

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2-14-64

February 7, 1964

Dr. R. A. Hawkins
2248 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte 8, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Re VEP 3-23

Thank you for your letter of February 1, 1964. We need to know what "restrictive requirement for usage of its funds" you attribute to your understanding of VEP. It appears that you are considering the expenditure of funds other than those requested of VEP but is is necessary that we get a look at your full budget and program before we can consider your application, even though other funds may be raised locally or from outside sources.

Will you please send us this information.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

February 20, 1964

AIR MAIL

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28208

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Re VEP 3-23

We have considered further your request to us of January 16 in which you seek a grant in the amount of $5000 for a voter registration program during the period February 1 to May 16, 1964 in Charlotte, North Carolina. We have discussed with you and with Mr. Phil Weightman the fact that you have already received and will receive other funds from COPE.

We have decided to make you a tentative grant in the amount of $3,000 which will be paid to you in three equal installments of $1,000 each, dependant, of course, upon your full cooperation with the Voter Education Project in carrying out our research objectives, actual registration progress and timely submission of financial and progress reports to our office. We are enclosing our initial check for $1,000 and similar installments will be paid to you on or about the 20th day of March and April. We regard this as a supplemental grant to our original grant and all conditions and restrictions mentioned or referred to in our grant letter of September 6, 1963 are imposed on this grant and the same kind of progress and financial reporting will be expected of you.

Very truly yours,

WAB:jl
enc.

Wiley A. Branton

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Return to WB

January 16, 1964

JAN 17 1964

FROM: Non-Partisan Voter Registration Coordinating Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Budget for February 1 to May 16, 1964

TO: Voter Education Project

Rent @ $60.00 per month	$ 270.00	
Secretary @ $50.00 per week	900.00	
Telephone @ $25.00 per month	113.00	
Gas (heat) @ $40.00 per month	120.00	(during winter)
Water @ $5.00 per month	23.00	
Furniture rentals @ $10.00 per week	180.00	
Subsistence for voluntary workers @ $150.00 per week	2,700.00	
Lights @ $15.00 per month	68.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses (purchasing registration lists, etc.)	646.00	
TOTAL	$ 5,000.00	

PROPOSED BUDGET $5,000.00

This amount of money we request from Voter Education Project in order to have a successful voter registration during the Primary in Mecklenburg County. Due to the death of President John F. Kennedy and because of a segregationist running for Governor of North Carolina, the committee feels that we should go all out now to fulfill our mission of 20,000 new voters by November, 1964.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Hawkins

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee

VEP 3-23

March 11, 1964

Mr. Reginald A. Hawkins
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Enclosed, you will find a copy of the report you were kind enough to lend us with your duplicate attached. We certainly appreciate your having made this available to us, and we have made a copy to retain in our files.

Very truly yours,

Randolph T. Blackwell
Field Director

RTB:js

Rp 3-23

March 12, 1964

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28208

RE: VEP 3-23

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Under separate cover, we are sending copies of our reporting forms. We would suggest that these forms be completed, in duplicate, by each of the workers in your project. We would like to have forwarded to us a weekly compiled report of the activities of these workers beginning March 20 and each Friday thereafter for the duration of the project.

Any questions and comments you would like to make will be welcomed, so please feel free to contact us at any time.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

March 23, 1964

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28208

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Re VEP 3-23

The enclosed check in the amount of $1000 represents the installment due you on the subject grant.

The next and final installment will be sent you about April 20, 1964, dependent upon satisfactory compliance with progress and financial reporting, and satisfactory program progress.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

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Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Co-ordinating Committee of MOPA
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, N. C.
March 21, 1964

Mrs. Barbara I. Whitaker, Research Assistant
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., N. W., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

Enclosed you will find copies of checks issued for the week ending March 20 and vouchers properly signed for all but check No. 195. Mrs McMullen was not available when the checks were issued and vouchers signed. I will include this voucher with the next report.

We have a balance of only $84.97 with which to start our next weeks work. There was to have been another grant of $1,000. sent to us on March 20 but to date I have not received it.

Please send the grant to us so that we may be able to meet next weeks expenses.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Hawkins

Dr. R.A. Hawkins

RAH:tg

Enclosures

3-23

Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Co-ordinating Committee of MCPA
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, N. C.
March 14, 1964

Rec'd 3-17-64

Mrs. Barbara I. Whitaker, Research Assistant
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., N. W., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

Enclosed is a report for the week ending March 14, 1964.

Check No. 183 was used for a sample to have other checks made and was not returned to us. It was not used for any expenses.

The petty cash check will be spent from time to time for supplies, etc.. You will receive a report on it as it is spent.

Yours very truly,

R. A. Hawkins

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman

RAH:tg

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March 9, 1964

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28208

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Re VEP 3-23

Thank you for the financial reporting which arrived in this office this morning.

So this phase of the program will begin with a meeting of the minds may we point out that the carbon of Check #183 is missing from the batch you sent and we will have to have all check carbons from your project.

Also on the check to Thera Garvin, for Petty Cash, (Check #190) in the amount of $10.00, we will have to have accounting and receipts to support the expenditure of this $10.00.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

FOR PROTECTION

Rules Tightened On Voters Here

4/9/64

Law Says Writing Required

By JAMES K. BATTEN
Observer Staff Writer

Beginning immediately, all persons registering to vote in Mecklenburg County will be required to show that they can write as well as read simple sections from the N.C. Constitution.

The practical effect of the change will be negligible, officials insisted, because with rare exceptions applicants who can read also can write.

They added that only two or three persons in an average 100 applicants fail the literacy test.

The tightening of the rules, approved Wednesday by the County Elections Board, was provoked by a warning last week by William Joslin, State Elections Board chairman, that all counties should adhere to the letter of the law.

North Carolina's election law requires that registrants be able both to read and write a section of the state constitution.

Formerly, the local board asked the applicant to read a passage from the constitution, and to demonstrate his ability to write by signing his name. This does not adhere to the literal requirements of the law.

Mrs. Samuel C. Hair, the local elections board chairman, said the change in procedure was intended "not as a stumbling block but as a protection for those who seek to register."

Mrs. Hair explained that federal law requires that all papers and records pertaining to an individual's registration be preserved for 22 months. If applicants are not required to copy a constitutional section, local elecitons officials have no evidence that the law was complied with.

Mrs. Hair shrugged off charges by Dr. R. A. Hawkins, the Negro leader, that the new requirement was "just further intimidation" aimed at would-be Negro voters. The local elections board's willingness to facilitate Negro registration has been demonstrated again and again, she said.

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April 11, 1964

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Mrs. Barbara Ingram Whitaker,
Research Assistant
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W., Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

Our committee was able with the help of the Justice Department to force the Board of Election to finally grant night voter registration, which began, April 6 and will run for three weeks.

In order to frustrate our efforts the board came up with another stratagem of administrative obstacles, that of requiring every registrant to write a section of the constitution. This too we shall overcome.

To date we have registrated in phase II 6,209 and everything is now going great guns.

We have two Negro candidates running for public offices, Rev. James F. Wertz for school board, Rev. Paul E. Davis for county commissioner. It is our hope to get another to file for the State House of Representative before April 17, 1964.

The hard work has begun and only a few to do all the work as you well know, but I shall continue to keep you informed.

Sincerely,

R. A. Hawkins

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Co-ordinating Committee

RAH/kfa

April 16, 1964

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28208

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Re VEP 3-23

The enclosed check is sent you as a result of your telephone call to this office this afternoon. Mrs. Whitaker reported to me that your progress reporting was up-to-date and I knew your financial reporting was also, and that you had reported a greater expenditure than you had received.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

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4-20-64

Observer

New Voter Registrations Hit 2,866

4/20/64

New voter registrations in Mecklenburg County have totaled 2,866 since January 1, bringing the number of registered voters in the county to about 107,000.

The current tabulation of voters was given Tuesday by Mrs. Orris Carpenter, secretary to the Elections Board.

The bulk of the new registrations have come in this month. During the past two weeks registration places have been open at night in some precincts and mobile units have been used in shopping centers.

A total of 2,125 new voters was registered in April. Totals for other months: January, 150; February, 80, and March, 741.

Since January 1, 2,474 Democrats, 370 Republicans and 22 independents have registered.

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THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

Charlotte, North Carolina, Friday, April 24, 1964 SECTION B

DR. R. A. HAWKINS I

Political Leader Accused Of Acting As Vote Official

4-24-64

Chairman Asks Ruff To Probe

By HARRY MURPHY
News Staff Writer

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, a Negro political leader, has been accused of illegally performing the duties of a voting registrar.

The Mecklenburg Board of Elections today asked County Attorney Thomas Ruff to investigate the accusation and to take "appropriate action."

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MRS. A. M. HOUSTON, Second Precinct registrar, told the board Monday that Dr. Hawkins "assumed authority to read a section of the Constitution and the oath to a number of registrants" during night registration at Second Ward School April 8.

The board said only the registrar has authority to conduct any part of the registration.

The Rev. A. J. Ryans, Democratic chairman of the Second Precinct, reiterated the accusation and said that Dr. Hawkins produced "some sort of communication" which Dr. Hawkins said gave him authority to administer the oath and literacy test to applicants, the board minutes said.

The minutes said both Mrs. Houston and Mr. Ryans said they assumed that this letter gave Dr. Hawkins "certain authority."

Mrs. Houston could not be immediately reached for comment today and Mr. Ryans declined to discuss the matter.

Dr. Hawkins said today he had helped Mrs. Houston "line up" Negroes at Second Ward School, but emphatically denied he had administered any oaths.

Elections Board Chairman Mrs. Sam Hair wrote County Attorney Ruff today:

"Obviously, such action by Dr. Hawkins would not be proper and interferes with the orderly administration of the election laws.

"We assume that you will wish

See HAWKINS on page 16B

Hawkins Says He Did Not Act Illegally

Continued From Second Front

to take the appropriate action to prevent any repetition of the acts to which I have referred after you have made such investigation as you conclude is necessary."

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MR. RUFF said he has asked Dr. Hawkins for a letter setting out his version of the facts in the case. "Then I'll decide what to do," Mr. Ruff said.

Dr. Hawkins' name came into Monday's board meeting again in connection with night registration at precinct 56, Our Lady of Consolation School at 2301 Statesville Rd.

In a letter to the board April 11, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles Gable, the parish pastor, mentioned "a recent incident" which occurred at the school April 7 while night registration was taking place.

Msgr. Gable today declined to talk at all about the matter. What he reportedly was referring to, however, was break-in and vandalism at the school.

The board had asked for police protection during Tuesday's night registration, but Dr. Hawkins said he assured Capt. S. P. DeWese that no incidents would take place and police could arrest him if they did. The officers left.

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DR. HAWKINS said the break-in at the school was not related to the registration activities and charged that the police were sent there only to "intimidate" the Negroes.

At Monday's Election Board meeting Mrs. Houston asked to be temporarily disqualified as a registrar for the May 30 primaries because her husband is running for Charlotte Township constable and the board agreed, the minutes said.

Today, Hawkins accused Mrs. Houston of making the charge because she thought he had caused her removal as Second Precinct registrar.

He said the Elections Board had not wanted night registrations and "We had to go through the Justice Department and the State Elections Board to get it.

"All these charges are just a move to reflect on the night registrations because we are putting 1,000 Negroes on the books a week at them." (Elections Board figures reflect a much lower result.)

Dr. Hawkins said, "I have 15 to 20 of our workers who will swear that I didn't administer any oaths.

"I'm going to fight this all the way and bring in the FBI."

Dr. Hawkins was accused by registration officials in December of getting two registrars to register Negroes at unauthorized times and places, including a bowling alley.

Two registrars resigned as a result and the appointments of the remaining 19 were cancelled. Most were reinstated later.

Dr. Hawkins Accused Of Voter Interference

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Probe Of Registration Incident Is Requested

By JAMES K. BATTEN
Observer Staff Writer

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Charlotte's best-known Negro leader, has been accused of improper interference with voter registration in a downtown precinct.

The County Elections Board has asked for an investigation by County Attorney Thomas C. Ruff and hinted it might support legal action against the Negro dentist-politician.

Hawkins vehemently denied Friday that he had done anything wrong. He said the charges against him were "nothing but a frame-up."

The alleged interference by Hawkins came on the night of April 8 at Second Ward High School, where Precinct 2 elections officials were registering new voters.

In testimony before the County Elections Board Monday, Mrs. A. M. Houston, the precinct registrar, said Hawkins came in and began administering oaths and literacy tests to waiting Negroes.

Rev. A. J. Ryans, the precinct's Democratic chairman, substantiated Mrs. Houston's story and added that when Hawkins was challenged, he produced "some sort of communication" that purportedly authorized him to do what he was doing.

According to Elections Board's minutes, board members "assured Mrs. Houston that they fully understood her position as a newly appointed registrar under the disorderly and confusing circumstances she described."

Hawkins hotly disputed Mrs. Houston's and Ryans' version of the incident.

He insisted that he simply helped the elections officials maintain order by ushering the waiting people into seats in Second Ward High School's auditorium.

As for the "communication" he is said to have produced, Hawkins said that was merely a copy of a letter he had written to the Election Board requesting nighttime registration in the precincts.

The Elections Board recently did grant a Hawkins request for nighttime registration in a number of predominantly Negro precincts.

The Negro leader contended that many would-be voters were not able to get down to the county elections office at 700 E. Fourth St. during regular office hours.

Hawkins charged that the entire affair amounted to a vendetta against him by an opposing Negro political faction identified with Bishop Dale, a justice of the peace, and Fred D. Alexander, a real estate manager.

Dale and Alexander are generally regarded as conservative politicians who have long been at odds with the more militant Hawkins.

Mrs. Houston was installed as Precinct 2 registrar after the Dale forces took over the precinct from Hawkins' supporters in November's precinct elections.

Ryans, regarded as a Dale supporter, was elected chairman, replacing Walter Alexander, reportedly a Hawkins man.

At Monday's meeting of the Elections Board, Mrs. Houston asked to be temporarily disqualified as a registrar because her husband had filed as a candidate for constable in Charlotte Township.

A spokesman for the Elections Board said it had a long-standing rule barring relatives of candidates from serving as elections officials in order to avoid possible conflict of interest.

Bishop Dale, who is also first vice chairman of the county Democratic Executive Committee, attended Monday's Elections Board meeting to protest Mrs. Houston's disqualification. His protest was unsuccessful.

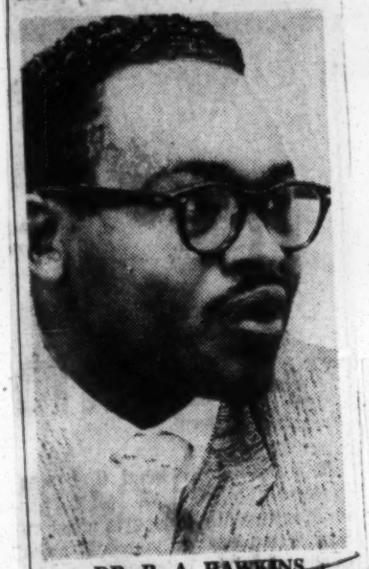
Another matter involving Hawkins came before the board Monday, but no direct action resulted.

Mrs. Samuel C. Hair, the chairman, read a letter from Rt. Rev. Charles J. Gable, who complained of a "recent incident" at Our Lady of Consolation School, 2301 Statesville Road, a newly designated polling place where night registration was being conducted.

Gable's letter did not elaborate on the nature of the incident but simply informed the board that the school would no longer be available as a polling place.

While no one would say publicly just what occurred, the "incident" reportedly involved a confrontation between the priest and Hawkins.

County Attorney Ruff said late Friday that he would conduct the investigation requested by the Elections Board. But he said he had no idea what, if any, action might result.



DR. R. A. HAWKINS

4-27-64

Hawkins: I'd Welcome Jail In Vote Probe

By HARRY MURPHY
News Staff Writer

Dr. Reginald A. Hawkins, the Negro political leader accused of improperly participating in the registration of voters, said today he would welcome an arrest.

County Attorney Thomas Ruff, whom the Mecklenburg Elections Board asked to investigate reports that Dr. Hawkins administered literacy tests and oaths to registrants, said he has gotten far enough into the matter "to tell what happened" at the Second Ward School on the night of April 8.

Mrs. A. M. Houston, the Second Precinct registrar, told the Elections Board last week that Dr. Hawkins administered registration oaths and literacy tests to several Negroes.

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SHE SAID Dr. Hawkins told her that he had authority to do this. Mrs. Houston signed her name on the registration blank as administering the oath.

The doctor, chairman of the Mecklenburg Organization on Political Affairs and Democratic chairman of precinct 54, said in a letter to Mr. Ruff that "I deny categorically" the charge.

He said the only aid he gave was that requested by Mrs. Houston and administering oaths and literacy tests was not part of it.

Mr. Ruff said he had not talked to any other persons yet, but added "I am pursuing an investigation of the facts."

He added, "It's too early to tell how I'll proceed, or how many other persons I'll talk to."

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DR. HAWKINS said, "If I had given the oaths, which I did not do, I would have been helping and not interfering with the registrar.

"If they want to put me in jail for fighting for the rights of underprivileged people, then let them do it," he added.

"Then I won't have to worry about getting out the 150,000 registered Negroes in the State for the May 30 primaries."

Dr. Hawkins said Mrs. Sam Hair, Mecklenburg Elections Board chairman, should resign from the board because "this has become a personal thing with her."

Meanwhile, Mecklenburg Solicitor Kenneth R. Downs said, "I'm interested to see what Tom (Ruff) finds out."

He said he would decide then what to do. He said that at this point he hasn't decided if he will take action on his own, or wait until he's consulted.

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STATE ELECTIONS Board Chairman William Joslin said his board normally would not

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get into the matter, unless it got a request from the local board.

"From the nature of the matter, it appears that the local board has authority to handle the problem," he added.

He said the local board could challenge any voter registrations where there was evidence of irregularities.

The State Bureau of Investigation also could be asked for assistance by the state or local boards or the solicitor, Mr. Joslin said.

The local board also has power to subpoena witnesses and take sworn testimony about the matter, he added.

He said that if requested, his board would provide assistance within the limits of its powers. "I don't want to speculate on what we would do, unless the local board calls on us."

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SIXTY NEGROES were registered at the Second Ward School on the night in question, part of the 1,350 Negroes which the elections office says have registered since Jan. 1.

The office estimates there are about 14,600 Negroes now registered.

About 2,300 white persons have been registered during this period to bring the estimated white registration to about 85,000.

These figures differ widely from Dr. Hawkins estimate that the special night registrations are putting 1,000 Negroes a week on the books.

The doctor charged that the Elections Board, for this reason, did not want to authorize the night registrations and he had to go through the U. S. Justice Department and the State Elections Board to get them.

Board chairman Mrs. Hair denied that either the justice department or the state elections board had ever corresponded with the local board about the matter.

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SHE SAID Dr. Hawkins sent copies of his letter requesting the registration to the two bodies and the local board in turn sent the bodies copies of their letter outlining the registration plans.

Night registrations have been conducted by the board since 1949. When the present board took office in 1960, it tightened the regulations for these registrations.

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Dr. Hawkins was connected with similar situations in 1962, when non-resident students at Johnson C. Smith University were registered, and in 1963, when Negroes were registered at unauthorized times and places, including a bowling alley.

In both cases, the registrars said they did this at the request of Dr. Hawkins.

IV

HAWKINS DENIES ALL

SBI Will Investigate Registration Incident

Solicitor Also Asked To Probe

By STAN BRENNAN
Observer Staff Writer

State Bureau of Investigation agents are expected to be in Charlotte today to question people about alleged interference with voter registration by Negro dentist-politician Dr. R. A. Hawkins.

It was learned Monday that the SBI has been asked to investigate the accusations that Hawkins administered oaths and literacy tests to new voters on April 8.

In another development Monday, County Attorney Thomas C. Ruff said he has referred to the Superior Court solicitor information about the alleged interference by Hawkins.

"I have been conferring with the solicitor (Kenneth R. Downs) on provisions of the law which are reported to have been violated and on procedural questions which relate to this," Ruff said.

Prosecution of any violation of the election laws, Ruff said, would be under Downs' jurisdiction.

Downs, who was queried about this turn of events, said he could not make a statement.

Meanwhile, Hawkins, who is Charlotte's best-known Negro leader, categorically denied any wrongdoing.

He has been accused of administering oaths and literacy tests to Negroes on the night of April 8 at Second Ward High School, where Precinct 2 election officials were registering new voters.

After hearing testimony from Mrs. A. M. Houston, the precinct registrar, and Rev. A. J. Ryans, the precinct's Democratic chairman, the County Elections Board last week asked Ruff to make an investigation.

"To this accusation I want to deny categorically," Hawkins said in a letter to Ruff.

The letter, which was released Monday, continued: "The only help that was rendered by me was the aid that was solicited by the registrar.

"This request was also made by the executive secretary to the board of election, since our organization requested the night registration and we assured the board of any help that was needed to assure an orderly process."

Hawkins is chairman of the Mecklenburg Organization on Political Affairs (MOPA).

On March 7, the organization asked the elections board to schedule night registration in some precincts for the May 30 primaries. The board later scheduled night registration in 15 predominantly Negro precincts.

Hawkins said Monday that Mrs. Huston asked him to help on the night of April 8 because "she did not know how to handle all those people."

He said there were 25 to 30 people waiting to register at the time.

"I suggested that she give the oath en masse and helped in seating the people," Hawkins said.

He said Mrs. Huston gave the oath to the people as a group.

"I haven't signed a registration form," Hawkins went on. "I did not take any information from people registering. This is the duty of the registrar."

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Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Co-ordinating Committee of MOPA
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, N. C.
April 28, 1964

Mrs Barbara I. Whitaker,
Research Assistant
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., N. W., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

Enclosed you will find the report for the week ending April 24,1964.

You will also find check number 309 brought forward from April 18th.

Very truly yours,

Dr. R. A. Hawkins

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
per Thera Garvin

RAH:tg

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To Safeguard The Voting Process

It has not yet been legally established that Dr. R. A. Hawkins, local Negro political leader, actually swore in would-be voters in Precinct 2 without being authorized to do so.

Nor is it clear whether any state law was violated if he or some other unauthorized person did administer the oath to several persons at the place of registration.

Nevertheless, the alleged incident has put a cloud over the registration process, and hence the election process, in Mecklenburg County.

Conflict between Hawkins and elections board officials is not unusual. Since Hawkins took personal command last fall of a drive to get 10,000 more Negro voters on the books, he has been at odds with Mrs. Samuel Hair, chairman of the board, and other election officials.

When two Negro registration commissioners were released last December for supervising improper registrations, Hawkins charged discrimination. He made a similar charge when some precincts were re-drawn a few months ago.

Both charges were wild of the target. The elections board has taken more than one salutary action in the past to facilitate the registration of qualified voters —setting up night registration, opening new registration sites and sending out mobile registration units.

Hawkins has been a frequent and effective spokesman for many of Charlotte's Negro citizens, and his emphasis on political participation is strategically sound. At the very least, however, his enthusiasm for his job has caused him to become more of a zealot than a gadfly, and he has stirred up unnecessarily a good deal of antagonism.

This is doubly unfortunate, since he and the county's election officials have the same basic goal — that of getting every citizen on the books who is qualified and wants to vote.

The registration and voting processes must be safeguarded against abuse or exploitation by any individual or group. This may call for tightening up of procedures, instructing precinct officials more carefully or, in the event of willful violations of the law, prosecuting those involved.

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MAY 6 1964

Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Co-ordinating Committee of MCPA
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, N. C.
May 5, 1964

Mrs. Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., N. W., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

Enclosed is the report for the week ending May 1, 1964.

Voucher for check number 309, in the amount of $6.00, which was left out of the report for April 24th is enclosed.

There were no checks issued for the week.

Yours very truly,

Dr. R. A. Hawkins

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman

RAH:tg

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May 5, 1964

Dr. R. A. Hawkins
Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

RE: VEP 3-23

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

When we made the grant of $3,000 on February 20, 1964, it was my understanding that we would support this program until May 16, 1964.

The full amount of the VEP grant has now been paid to you, and we have concluded that we cannot give any further financial support during your present effort.

We commend you for the very fine program which you and your co-workers have conducted.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

6-27-64

June 19, 1964

Dr. R. A. Hawkins
1218 Beatties Ford Rd.
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

On June 6, I wrote you asking for a final accounting for the finances on your VEP supported project. At your last financial reporting you had a balance left of $56.73.

In reply to my letter you sent me your bank statements which only indicate to me that there have been expenditures since this last reporting and that as of May 7, your bank balance was $35.72.

This leaves several questions unanswered:

1. Have there been any expenditures since May 7?

2. If so, what for and in what amounts?

3. What were the expenditures between May 2 and May 7?

Please reply as quickly as possible so that we may close our books on this project.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

P.S. I am enclosing your bank statements for your files.

6-13-64

June 6, 1964

Dr. ~~EB~~-A. Hawkins
1218 Beatties Ford Rd.
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

We have received no financial reporting from your project since May 2, and as you know, we are supposed to receive this reporting weekly. Yournext reporting should close out your account since our records indicate that you have only a balance of $56.73 unreported. May we have this immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

7-31-64

July 24, 1964

Dr. R. A. Hawkins
Non-Partisan Voters Registration
Coordinating Committee
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Thank you for your letter of June 26, in which you gave us your bank balance as of April 30, the amount of outstanding checks, and the bank balance as of June 26.

This did not answer the questions in my letter of June 19 so I am re-listing them below:

1. Have there been any expenditures since May 7? (This is now indicated by the outstanding checks of $27.72 you mention in your letter.)

2. If so, what for and in what amounts? (Please itemize the outstanding checks and indicate what they are for - this should be done by sending the VEP carbon of the checks as your project has been doing for some months.)

It is difficult to understand why it is taking so long to receive this information since you have been following the regular VEP accounting procedures for such a long time. Please bring us up-to-date.

Sincerely,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

Date copy made for progress file

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Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Co-ordinating Committee of MOPA
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, N. C.
June 26, 1964

Mrs. Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., N. W., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

In response to your letter, there have been no activities since April 24, 1964.

According to my records we had a balance of $57.72 in the bank as of April 30, 1964 with outstanding checks in the amount of $27.72, leaving a balance of $30.00, not counting service charges.

If there is any information I have not sent to you, please let me know.

Yours very truly,

R. A. Hawkins

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman

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Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Co-ordinating Committee of MOPA
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, N. C.
June 26, 1964

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Research Assistant
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., N. W., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Ga.

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Yours very truly,

R. A. Hawkins

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman

RAH:tg

August 11, 1964

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.

Re: FIELD TRIP TO CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

I visited Charlotte, North Carolina, July 6 and 7 on SRC business, but took the opportunity to talk with persons interested in the VEP project in Charlotte at WAB's request.

I talked first with Mr. Fred Alexander, an SRC board member, and a prominent figure in Charlotte civic affairs. Mr. Alexander is the brother of Mr. Kelly Alexander, President of the North Carolina State Conference of NAACP branches.

We talked for two hours. Mr. Alexander responded to my initial inquiry as to his thoughts about the Charlotte VEP program by stating in unequivocal words that the VEP program got off to a wrong start there.

Prior to any VEP grant in that community, the NAACP and the Charlotte Council on Human Relations had made plans for a large scale registration program depending on VEP support, according to Mr. Alexander. "We had counted on VEP funds," he said. But when the grant was made to Dr. Hawkins' group for registration, the above mentioned groups did not follow through with their plans.

Mr. Alexander expressed some disappointment that WAB came to Charlotte and made a grant without consulting with persons like himself. He never made it clear to me whether he felt WAB should have done this because he was on the SRC board, or for some other reason. He admitted however, that his group had not put a formal proposal to VEP for funds. If I may interpret here a bit, I think Mr. Alexander's reaction was that of the traditional established Negro leader who thinks he must be consulted about any project in his community. No consultation and non-cooperation with his group equals failure and negative programming.

Moving to other matter, Mr. Alexander indicated that at no time had the Election Board been difficult to deal with in regard to Negro registration. The implication here being that whatever troubles Dr. Hawkins encountered resulted from Hawkins' own efforts rather than

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Board policy or procedures.

Motivation was described as the big problem with Negro registration. Mr. Alexander related that traditionally, Charlotte has had no strong race problem. Such is the case today,iin his opinion. Nothing has happened or been made to happen to show the relationship of and need for strong political action. Not a job in town is controlled by politics. People in Charlotte, black and white, are politically naive, opinioned Mr. Alexander.

Special emphasis was put on the necessity for a cause for action to garner registered voters. Voter education is vital to our community. I did not press Mr. Alexander as to what would constitute a cause of action to get new voters registered.

We then got around to Dr. Hawkins. "Hawkins didn't do much," concluded Mr. Alexander. He questioned Dr. Hawkins' motives and indicated that if Dr. Hawkins had not been in the forefront in voter registration, it would be someone else. I indicated that I would hope so.

Other changes leveled at Dr. Hawkins were: 1) There is no evidence that the money was spent for what it was purported to be spent for; 2) Not more than 3,000 persons were added to the books during the entire Hawkins effort, despite claims of a much larger number; 3) Used initial grant to buy himself into the local Democratic party; 4) Has only a paper organization; 5) Uses teenagers to do his work.

Mr. Alexander made it quite clear that he was not interested in exposing Dr. Hawkins on the theory that it would be detrimental to the Negro. "The white folks want division among Negro leaders," he said. Therefore, there is no need to expose him, he continued.

Mr. Alexander offered the candidacy of a Negro for the Board of Education as evidence that Dr. Hawkins has registered very few people. The candidate, according to Alexander, received a total of 6,000 votes, Negro and white included. The contention is that had Hawkins' program been more successful, it would have reflected in this particular race.

Finally, Mr. Alexander was quick to say that he readily comes to Dr. Hawkins' defense when the latter is attacked by the white community. He indciated, however, that there was nothing he could do about the Hawkins difficulty with the Election Board. He commended Hawkins highly for his actions in hospital desegregation.

I then visited Dr. Hawkins in his office, where I was cordially received. Dr. Hawkins said that from Sept. 16 to Nov. 18, 1963, his group registered 5,236 persons, and from March 16 to May 8, 1964,

6,000 persons. These registration programs were VEP sponsored.

Dr. Hawkins said that he plans to request another VEP grant for September. Also, that Negroes outvoted whites percentage-wise in the North Carolina primary.

He answered questions concerning his group's organizational structure in vague terms. I couldn't pin him down as to who did what exactly. He did say that a Mrs. Garvin had been put in the Democratic office and that she was paid by him with VEP funds. Her job was to go through the records and make records for registration purposes. Dr. Hawkins pruchased the list of registered Democrats from the local party for use in checking on unregistered voters.

During the night registration period, Dr. Hawkins contended that they registered on some nights as many as 1,000 people.

The doctor considered the charges of the Election Board against him as an effort to intimidate him personally, and to discourage registration programs in the Negro community. He expressed the hope that he would be indicted and convicted. He indicated that he had counsel.

Dr. Hawkins accused Mr. Kelly Alexander of refusing to cooperate with his program. He also accused Fred Alexander and a Mr. Bishop of being paid to frame him. Somehow in this part of the monologue, Hawkins said that he thought Pat Watters would beefired because he told the t truth on Charlotte.

The mayor, according to Hawkins, is really no good, but he has found that it is popular to be liberal.

Finally, Dr. Hawkins, contrary to the Alexander opinion, said that the Election Board had given him a hard time in that they stopped night registration and Saturday registration, among other things.

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AUG 21 1964

Non-Partisan Voters Registration
Coordinating Committee
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, N. C.
August 20, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., N. W., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Wiley:

Enclosed find cancelled checks and bank statements as per your request in your letter of August 7, 1964.

The second phase of our project began February 24, 1964 with check number 185 and ended April 24, 1964 with check number 317. I sent you the duplicate checks as they were written with accompanying vouchers. I hope that this the information you need.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Hawkins

Dr. R. A. Hawkins

RAH:tg

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August 7, 1964

Dr. R. A. Hawkins
Non-Partisan Voters Registration
Coordinating Committee
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

In line with routine audit procedures we now request that you send us all cancelled checks and bank statements dating back to December 1, 1963.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

WB

M E M O R A N D U M September 6, 1964

TO: WAB
FROM: JL
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 3-23 (Non-Partisan Voters Registration Coordinating Committee, Charlotte)

Total Grant from VEP to VEP 3-23		$5000.00
Disbursements:		
Adv. Prom. & Print.	$ 104.13	
Fix. & Equip.	22.50	
Meals	13.00	
Office Supplies	179.49	
Postage	2.00	
Salaries	4,141.06	
Tel. & Tel.	58.68	
Trav. & Trans.	95.16	
Utilities	89.00	
Social Security Taxes	259.26	
Total Disbursements		4964.28
Balance in VEP 3-23 bank account		$ 35.72

MECKLENBURG ORGANIZATION ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS
(MOPA)
DR. R. A. HAWKINS, CHAIRMAN
MRS. LILLIAN JORDAN, VICE CHAIRMAN
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THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED AND ARE FAVORABLE TO IMPROVEMENT OF CONDITIONS THAT WILL MEAN MUCH TO NEGRO CITIZENS.

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF
UNITED STATES

LYNDON B. JOHNSON ***HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

FOR GOVERNOR

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
ROBERT W. (BOB) SCOTT

FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE
JAMES A. (JIM) GRAHAM

FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
EDWIN S. LANIER

FOR JUDGE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JOHN D. McCONNELL

FOR MEMBER OF CONGRESS
W. D. (BILL) JAMES

FOR STATE SENATOR

MARTHA W. EVANS

FOR MEMBERS OF STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ELMER H. GARINGER * ARTHUR GOODMAN, JR.

FOR TREASURER

JUANITA KIRBY CADIEU

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

W. HENRY (HANK) THROWER * J. FRANK BLYTHE
W. A. (LEX) HOOD * SAM T. ATKINSON, JR.

VOTE

/X/ FOR School Bond

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"WE TAKE NO MONEY"
TAKE THIS TO THE POLLS WITH YOU
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, AND VOTE!

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November, 1964
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1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, N. C.
September 22, 1964

Dear Fellow Citizen:

Today, we as Negro citizens find ourselves living in a critical political time, similar to the days following the civil war and reconstruction when intimidation of Negro voters and would-be-voters was sanctioned by the power structure of the southern communities. At this very hour, there is at work across this country evil forces in high places that would forever prevent the American Negro from enjoying his full civil and human rights.

The only weapon we have at our disposal now is the vote. Many of our Negro citizens in Charlotte still are not registered and many who are registered do not vote. This coming November 3rd election is D-day for the Negroes of this country and it is incumbent upon us as leaders of our community to put forth the greatest effort to register all our friends. If there is any help needed, our organization will be glad to fur ish you the know-how, but act we must now.

The dates of registration that are most important to us in our precincts are Tuesday, September 29, 7 p. m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, October 10, 9 a.m. to 5:55 p. m. The books are open at the election office now.

Sincerely yours,

R. A. Hawkins

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Mecklenburg Organization on
Political Affairs and
Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee

RAH:tg
P. S. Please read this letter and put emphasis on the same in your church or organizations

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10-30-64 For Immediate Release

Today, we as Negro citizens find ourselves living in a crucial and critical political time, similar to the days following the civil war and reconstruction, when intimidation of Negro voters and would-be voters was sanctioned by the power structure of the southern communities. Let us not forget that we had a Civil Rights Act of 1875, that was much stronger than the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Civil Rights Act of 1875 was repealed following a compromise with the south and the election of a Republican President, Rutherford B. Hayes. At this very hour, there is at work across this country evil forces in high places that would forever prevent the American Negro from enjoying his full civil and Human rights. The only weapon we have at our disposal now is the vote. We can do more on November 3 by voting than we have in all of our protest movements.

Our registration drive here in Charlotte and across the state has been a great success. In Charlotte, we have more than doubled our registration figures since 1962. These registration drives mean nothing if we do not turn out and vote in great numbers.

On Tuesday, November 3rd, let us demonstrate to the nation the largest protest movement in history by giving to our great President Lyndon B. Johnson the largest Negro vote ever recorded.

September 25, 1964

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman
Non-Partisan Voters Registration
Coordinating Committee
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

RE: VEP 3-23

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

We are returning to you herewith your canceled checks which you were kind enough to send us upon our request. We have audited these checks and compared them with our voucher copies, and we note that you have a balance in the amount of $35.72 on hand. Will you please send us a check made payable to Voter Education Project in the amount of $35.72 in order that we can close the account on the above grant.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your co-workers for the cooperation which you have shown in assisting with the VEP program. It certainly would be of help to us if you or someone in your organization would furnish us with a final narrative report of your registration program.

We have recently made a grant to the North Carolina State Conference of Branches, NAACP, and they will be using some portion of their grant to conduct a registration program in Charlotte, but it will not be nearly as large a grant as was previously made to the Non-Partisan Voters Registration Coordinating Committee. With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs
encl: Canceled checks

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From: Non-partisan Voters Registration Coordinating Committee
917 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

To: Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

The Mecklenburg Organization on Political Affairs, which is a non-partisan organization, was formed in 1958 in order to increase Negro registration and participation in elections. MOPA has been the organization that has stimulated Negro activity in politics here in Mecklenburg County. This organization realized that it was working strictly on a voluntary basis and there was an immediate need for a massive registration drive in this county. The members of MOPA threw the support of MOPA behind the organizing of a non-partisan voters registration coordinating committee, embracing every facet of our community, with a twenty (20) member Stirring Committee, an executive committee, a field director, a paid secretary and many sub-committees. Dr. R. A. Hawkins is chairman, Mrs. Calvene Ross is secretary and Attorney T. H. Wyche and Mr. James K. Polk are the members at large of the executive committee. Dr. R. P. Perry, President of Johnson C. Smith University, is a member of the Stirring Committee along with all the Precinct Chairmen, representatives from labor, civic and social organizations and the communication medias, a headquarters at 917 Beatties Ford is now in operation.

We have set our goal of new registrants at 10,000 and plan to engage in an active two (2) months program of registration before January 1st. After January 1st we shall again enter into a massive voter education program until April 1st. In April we shall again embark upon another massive registration drive.

Primary election begins in May here and the way things are shaping up here, there will be two primaries, so our education program will be active at this point, and until the following September. In September 1964, we plan to begin another massive registration drive until the general election. It is estimated that we have approximately 20,000 Negroes on the books now, and by November 1964 we plan to have our estimated goal of over 30,000 registered Negro citizens in Mecklenburg County.

This matter of motivating Negro activity in politics has been an uphill battle due first to the apathy within this group and second from the power structure itself. Before the formation of MOPA of which Dr. R. A. Hawkins is chairman, the Negro vote was bought by politicians and never afterward had they any obligations to the Negro community for their votes. Many Negroes were paid for their votes and services. This procedure was all changed by MOPA and

now we have formed a political bloc, voting for those officials that will mean most to the total community. This brought the organization into direct confrontation with the power structure of this city as now the Negro vote determines who will be the mayor, members of the city council, county commissioners and who will represent us in Raleigh. This organization has used our votes as a means of gaining civil rights for Negro citizens, public housing, adequate hospitalization, opening of all public schools on a desegrated basis and all public facilities, and lately,along with the students engaged in direct non-violent action, opened all places of public accommodations. For this reason the Negro citizens have confidence in us and can now see the value of the vote for there is not much apathy on the part of the non-registered Negro, only a matter of getting to them. This activity has created some awareness in the white community and they are using every underhanded technique they know to prevent this massive registration drive, such technique as allowing the registration books to be opened only from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. monday through friday, as they know, most Negroes are working during these hours. Before we were able to get the books in the precincts at night and on saturdays as we have permanent registration in Mecklenburg County. To further inhibit our activities, the Negro precincts are being gerrymandered and split up in order to cut down on effective leadership in the precincts. All of this is being done subtly but we have identified this opposition as the segregationists in our midst, but with the enthusiasm and determination on the part of the people, we shall overcome.

Our problems here in Mecklenburg County are many as have been stated prior, but we are playing them by ear. This week, with the beginning of our project, we are using a "fan out" technique in the downtown areas from the Board of Election. There are thousands of unregistered Negroes (domestics, etc) who come downtown to do business, we are registering these people as the results show. Next week we are using a"pick up"system with cars being used in all the areas of our county where large numbers of Negroes gather and if we are able to have night registration, we shall use door to door contacts. Many of our churches have campaigns within their congregations and likewise within PTA's and other organizations. We are taking advantage of radio, TV and newspapers in helping to get the message across. From all indications, with our original analysis of the problem and from the techniques applied, they are working fine,as the project moves on then other assessments can be made, but at the present time we are greatly optimistic.

Signed: R. A. Hawkins

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman

Members of Stirring Committee:

Dr. R. P. Perry
Mr.Walter Alexander
Mrs. Sadie Grigg

Rev. Ezra Moore
Mr. James Maxwell
Dr. Roy Wynn
Attorney T. H. Wyche
Mrs. Evelyn McMullen
Mr. James Polk
Mr. Emanuel Ross
Mr.Eugene Potts
Rev. P. O. Davis
Mr. Raymond Mason
Mrs. Burrell Jordan
Mr. Charlton Marrow
Mr. Kelly Alexander
Mrs. Naomi Drennan
Mr. John Helton
Dr. R. A. Hawkins
Mrs. Calvene Ross

Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Coordinating Committee
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, N. C.
October 8, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., N. W., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Wiley:

Enclosed find duplicate check, cancelled check, bank statement, check in the amount of $15.31 which is the balance of bank account, last correspondence and vouchers.

Yours truly,

R. A. Hawkins

Dr. R.A. Hawkins

RAH:tg

Enclosures

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Listings-"Happy Genial Gene Day"

Happy Anniversary
MRS. DOROTHY WILFORM
45 Maiden Lane, York, S. C.

"Best Wishes"
From
DR. & MRS. A. J. WILLIAMS

Congratulations On Genial Gene's 15th
Anniversary Celebration
Raymond E. King Agency, Char., N.C.

Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Co-Ordinating Comm. of MOPA
17 Beatties Ford Road, Char., N. C.

Our Lady Of Consolation Church
2301 Statesville Avenue
Charlotte 6, North Carolina
Monsignor Gable

Greetings to "Genial Gene," A Great
Man Serving The People.
From
Bethelhem F.B.H. Church
Rev. J. R. Caldwell, Pastor

Greetings and Best Wishes
Southside Barber Shop
2901 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.

"The Phantons" Get Ready — Get
Right B/W This Is Love
Shaw Artist Corp., New York, N. Y.
Bea Tibbitts, Mgr.

BEST WISHES
Your Gospel Singer
ANNIE ROSIE JORDEN

Greetings To "Genial Gene," From
The Former Mgr. of the Original
Four Travelers, Mr. Booker T. Cauthen
811 Westbrook Drive

"Congratulations"
Genial Gene
On Your 15th Anniversary
The Charlotte Harmonettes
"Joy Boy" Sanders, Mgr.

Happy Anniversary
on Your Day
Brookhill Amoco Service
2536 South Tryon Street
Charlotte, N. C.

May God Continue To Bless And
Keep Our Own "Genial Gene"
Mrs. Eva Morris and Carolyn
215 N. McDowell St., Charlotte

Congratulations
First Ward Elementary School

Greetings and Best Wishes to our
Friend "Genial Gene" on his 15th
Anniversary
The Chrysanthemum Social Club
of Charlotte, N. C.

Congratulations "Genial Gene" on
Your 15th Anniversary —
We Wish You Many More
"The Heavenly Stars"

Happy Anniversary to Genial Gene
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Troy (Decorator)
1304 Moretz, Charlotte, N. C.

Specialists in Protecting Valuable
Papers
Rachel's Clipping Service
P. O. Box 163
Soap Lake, Washington 98851

Genial Gene Day 15th Anniversary
on WGIV — Congratulations
Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Faulkner

Boosters and Well Wishers New York

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Garris

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McLean

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scott

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. James

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Craine

PRUITT MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

809 N. Caldwell St.

Rev. F. M. Cunningham, Pastor

WINSTON MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.

E. E. Hill — President

J. Q. Falls — Dist. Mgr.

Congratulations!!

LONG MORTUARY

218 N. Caldwell Street

Happy 15th Anniversary To Our Own
"Genial Gene" of WGIV
From
Mr. and Mrs. James Fletcher, Operators and
Clientele of

VERDELL'S BEAUTY SALON

423 S. Long St.

Congratulations to our friend "Genial Gene" on his 15th Anniversary, from the Sensational Nightingales of Philadelphia, Pa. —
Carl Coates, Horace Thompson, Joe Joe Wallace, Bill Woodruff, Charles Johnson & Arthur Crume

PEACOCK RECORDING ARTIST

Booking Address

2016 21st St., Birmingham, Ala.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our favorite Radio personality, "Genial Gene," on this your Fifteenth Anniversary on WGIV

DOUBLE OAKS SUNDRIES

2640 Statesville Ave.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Non-partisan Voters Registration Coordinating Committee of MOPA

Period covered by this report: From September 16 to Sept. 23, 1963

Person reporting Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman

1218 Beatties Ford Road Charlotte Mecklenburg North Carolina
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: September 24, 1963

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Mecklenburg County

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Total county through churches, organizations, radio, etc.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 1,100

Number successfully registered by this project this week 1,075

Number denied registration in this project this week 25

a. Reason for denial Unable to read

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means For this week we are making person to person in the streets

Number refusing to participate 101

a. Reason for refusing to participate In a hurry or illiterate to the cause

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1,075

Number of workers in the campaign 20 adults and student body of Johnson C. Smith University

Remarks For the first week we are using a "fan out" technique in the downtown area, near the Board of Elections, between 8:30 a.m. to 5 p. m., monday through friday as this is the only time the books are available

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Form VEP-4

Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Additional Reporting for Voter Education Project

In addition to the statistical information called for on VEP-2, we should like a brief narrative report monthly on the four following items for each county in which work is being done:

1. What is the attitude of the registrar's office toward Negro registration? If that attitude is hostile, specify what actions are taken by registrar personnel manifesting this hostility?

There is a definite desire by the powers to be that there should not be any increase in Negro registration, so we have encountered difficulties in getting the books in the precincts at night and on saturday, but there is no outward hostility by Registrars

2. Detail any harassment or intimidation of registrants or registration workers by public officials.

Every overt act in Charlotte is very subtle, such as described above and splitting up of Negro precincts and splitting Negro leadership in order to weaken the drive

3. If there have been overt indications of resistance on the part of the white community in general to Negro registration specify what specific form this resistance has taken.

None outwardly

4. What reasons are given by people who refuse to participate as prospective registrants in the registration program?

That their vote will not make any difference anyway, so why vote, they cannot read or write, or they are in a hurry

OCT 25 1963

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Non-Partisan Voter Registration Coordinating Committee

Period covered by this report: From September ~~15~~ 23 to Oct. 23 1963

Person reporting Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman

917 Beatties Ford Road Charlotte Mecklenburg North Carolina
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: October 24, 1963

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Charlotte-Mecklenburg

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places Total county through churches, organizations, radio, etc.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week

Number successfully registered by this project ~~this week~~ to date 2,693

Number denied registration in this project this week Appriximately 10 per day

a. Reason for denial Unable to read

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means Due to the registration book not being in the precincts, we make contact in the streets

Number refusing to participate 561

a. Reason for refusing to participate Religious reasons, ~~illiterate~~ to the cause, unable to read.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 2,693

Number of workers in the campaign Twenty (20) adults and students

Remarks The books will be in the precincts on Saturdays, November 2, 9 and 16, therefore, we are planning great pushes on those days along with our week day activities in the downtown areas, Monday through Friday.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Non-Partisan Voter Registration Coordinating Committee of MOPA

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 16 to Nov. 18, 1963

Person reporting Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman

1218 Beatties Ford Road Charlotte Mecklenburg N. C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: November 18, 1963

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Mecklenburg County - Charlotte

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Total county thru churches, organizations, T.V., radio, etc.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this ~~week~~ phase 6,000 approximately

Number successfully registered by this project this ~~week~~ phase 5,236

Number denied registration in this project this week 425

a. Reason for denial unable to read

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means During the total phase, we picked up off the street, door to door canvass, churches and organizations

Number refusing to participate 251

a. Reason for refusing to participate in a hurry or unable to read or write

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 5,236

Number of workers in the campaign Twenty (20) adults and the student body of Johnson C. Smith University

Remarks This has been the most successful registration drive ever done in Mecklenburg. The committee has gained experience and is now ready for phase two (2) with your help

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Non-Partisan Voter Registration Coordinating Committee

Period covered by this report: From February 1 to March 6 19 64

Person reporting Dr. R. A. Hawkins

1218 Beatties Ford Road Charlotte Mecklenburg North Carolina
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: March 7, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Mecklenburg County

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass _____

Number instructed at home _____

Number instructed at clinics _____

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week _____

Number successfully registered by this project this week _____

Number denied registration in this project this week _____

a. Reason for denial _____

Number contacted by other means _____

a. Specify means _____

Number refusing to participate _____

a. Reason for refusing to participate _____

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 5,186

Number of workers in the campaign 50

Remarks This number of registrants were put both on the registration lists through our efforts and complaint to the Justice Department after they were purged from lists, because they moved about the county. You have a copy of the complaint that was filed on January 6, 1964 with the Justice Department

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: ~~Non-Partisan Voter Registra~~tion ~~Coordinating~~ Committee

Period covered by this report: From Feb. 1 to March 25 1964

Person reporting Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman

1218 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte Mecklenburg N. C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: March 26, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Charlotte-Mecklenburg

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Thru churches, organizations, radio, newspapers, etc.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 425

Number successfully registered by this project this week 398

Number denied registration in this project this week 27

a. Reason for denial unable to read

Number contacted by other means All persons, as of march 16 have

~~a. Specify means~~ been brought in from off downtown streets

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 5,584

Number of workers in the campaign 50

Remarks 5,186 were put on the books by having them reinstated after they were purged. We will begin night registration on April 16 - April 24.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Non-Partisan Voter Registration Coordinating Committee

Period covered by this report: From April 11 to April 18.

Person reporting Dr. R. A. Hawkins

1218 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte — Mecklenburg — N. C.

Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: April 18, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Charlotte - Mecklenburg

Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Thru churches, organizations, radio, newspspers, etc.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 565 (Five hundred sixth five)

Number successfully registered by this project this week 546

Number denied registration in this project this week 19 (Nin eteen)

a. Reason for denial Unable to write sections of Constitution as recently required

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate none

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 6,855

Since February 1, 1964

Number of workers in the campaign 50 (Fifty)

Remarks We have been able to get night registration from 7 p.m. Monday thru Friday, but this writing requirement has slowed down the number of registratnts per night

VEP 3-22

Rec'd 4/29/64

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Non-Partisan Voter Registration Co-ordinating Committee

Period covered by this report: From April 18, to April 27.

Person reporting Dr. R. A. Hawkins

1218 Beatties Ford Road — Charlotte — Mecklenburg — N. C.

Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: April 28, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Charlotte-Mecklenburg

Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Thru churches, organizations, radio ,newspapers, etc.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week

Number successfully registered by this project this week 1,468

Number denied registration in this project this week none

a.Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 8,323

since February 1, 1964

Number of workers in the campaign 50 (fifty)

Remarks I forwarded to you the new writing requirements for registration, now the Election Board is accusing me of voter interference and giving the oath of registration which is another attempt to prevent our successful registration

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Rec'd 5/6/64

Name of Project: Non-Partisan Voter Registration Co-ordinating Committee

Period covered by this report: From 4/27 to 5/4/64

Person reporting Dr. R. A. Hawkins

1218 Beatties Ford Road Charlotte Mecklenburg N. C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: May 5, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Charlotte - Mecklenburg

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places _____ A. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week

Number successfully registered by this project this week 189

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 8,512

Number of workers in the campaign 50

Remarks I will forward to your office a brief I am preparing for the Justice Department on the latest administrative obstacle used by board of election.

Rec'd 6/17/64

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Non-Partisan Voter Registration Co-ordinating Committee

Period covered by this report: From Feb. 1, 1964 to May 8, 1964

Person reporting Dr. R. A. Hawkins

1218 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, Mecklenburg N. C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: June 11, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Charlotte-Mecklenburg

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass _____

Number instructed at home _____

Number instructed at clinics _____

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week _____

Number successfully registered by this project this ~~week~~ period 10,212 ???

Number denied registration in this project this week _____

a. Reason for denial _____

Number contacted by other means _____

a. Specify means _____

Number refusing to participate _____

a. Reason for refusing to participate _____

Number of persons successfully registered since the start _____

Number of workers in the campaign 50 (fifty)

Remarks This delay has been due to attempts on the part of the Election Board and Power Structure to reflect on our night registration and to frame me on a case of inteferring with a Registrar in performing her duty and now to indict me. We have the Justice Department in and are making action to go into Federal Court

Rec'd 6/17/64

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Non-Partisan Voter Registration
Co-ordinating Committee of MOPA
1218 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, N. C.
June 11, 1964

BW - Do we have anything to support these high figures?

Mrs. Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., N. W., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

Enclosed is Voter-Education Project reports, and bank statements for the last phase of our Voter Registration work.

We just discovered the reason for the inadequacy of the board to give our accurate figures. The Chairman of the Democratic party has been using our figures as the figures for white registrants for their own benefit. Mrs. Hair, Chairman of the Board of Elections, is a member of that group. This information was just gained out of Washington, D. C..

There is quite a conspiracy going on in Charlotte that we will further tell you about.

During the first phase, when Ray King was there, we could get the correct figures, but be that as it may, we have kept accurate figures of all the people we put on the books.

Yours very truly,

R. A. Hawkins

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Chairman

RAH:tg

Enclosures

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Rec'd 6/17/64

Form VEP-4

Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Additional Reporting for Voter Education Project

In addition to the statistical information called for on VEP-2, we should like a brief narrative report monthly on the four following items for each county in which work is being done:

1. What is the attitude of the registrar's office toward Negro registration? If that attitude is hostile, specify what actions are taken by registrar personnel manifesting this hostility?

Due to our successful registration and making the Election Board put these purged citizens back on the registration books, acts of hostility and intimidation by the Election Board and State of North Carolina.

2. Detail any harassment or intimidation of registrants or registration workers by public officials.

Challenging voters without informing them who challenged them, and subpoena of low income Negroes off their jobs several times, and again administering literacy test to frame Dr. Hawkins for intimidation.

3. If there have been overt indications of resistance on the part of the white community in general to Negro registration specify what specific form this resistance has taken.

Intimidation of regisration workers during the latter phase of this campaign by not allowing them to get food down town and other hostility.

4. What reasons are given by people who refuse to participate as prospective registrants in the registration program?

These low income groups, where we geared our night registration, are now being intimidated by public officials and are refusing to vote, thinking they have done something wrong or that they will loose time off of their jobs without pay.

WAB,

June 19, 1964

Dr. Hawkins reported the following to us:

2/1 – 3/6	5186 – Restored after purge and prior to VEP grant
3/9 – 3/25	398
3/25 – 4/11	No report
4/11 – 4/18	546
4/18 – 4/27	No report
4/27 – 5/4	189
5/4 – 5/8	No report
Total	6944

Actual total for the VEP phase thus far reported is 1758.

The difference between the 10,212 contained in this report and the 6944 above is 3268. It seems doubtful that this much activity could have occurred in the periods mentioned above for which we have received no report.

B.W.

Form VEP-4

Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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In addition to the statistical information called for on VEP-2, we should like a brief narrative report monthly on the four following items for each county in which work is being done:

1. What is the attitude of the registrar's office toward Negro registration? If that attitude is hostile, specify what actions are taken by registrar personnel manifesting this hostility?

The Chairman of the Board of Election began, during the latter part of our campaign, to show a fear of reaction from the white power structure, because of increased Negro registration

2. Detail any harassment or intimidation of registrants or registration workers by public officials.

None

3. If there have been overt indications of resistance on the part of the white community in general to Negro registration specify what specific form this resistance has taken.

None

4. What reasons are given by people who refuse to participate as prospective registrants in the registration program?

That their vote will not count, inability to read and write

THE GRAIL

127 CHERRY STREET • LAFAYETTE, LA. • Ce 2 1165

October 4, 1963

Mr. Henry Cabirac
Southern Field Service
1046 Baronne Street
New Orleans 13, La.

Dear Henry:

Enclosed is a report of the voter registration program. Please feel free to make any changes to make it more understandable. Since I am not familiar with this type of report I did not suggest a salary for the work that is being done. Would you please do so?

The response has been great. At last people are beginning to feel the urgency to do something.

I hope that this program is just a beginning. We hope to expand for the presidential election. We definitely would need financial help for this.

We received a very encouraging letter and information from the Coordinating Council. Thank you for refering our need for information to them.

Any suggestions and advice you can give us would be greatly appreciated. I hope in the near future, tentatively October 20, that we could meet withyou in N.O. and discuss the over-all plans in Lafayette. In the meantime I will keep you informed.

Sincerely yours,

Jane

Jane Duffin

P.S. We do not think the program should be made known at the present time.

THE GRAIL

127 CHERRY STREET • LAFAYETTE, LA. • ~~CE 5-8955~~ Ce 2 1165

LAFAYETTE, LA. VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Sept. 21 — The project was initiated at a discussion regarding the local racial situation. It was attended by high school students, two of their teachers and other Grail members. The discussion of the local problems, including lack of registered voters in view of the coming gubernatorial elections, prompted the group to immediate action.

Sept. 24 — The above group met with a member of the Lafayette Negro Business League who endorsed the project and offered their cooperation and assistance. Plans were made to take a survey of registered voters and to gather information for registration classes.

Sept. 27 — Visits were made to the two Catholic Negro churches to enlist their support. Announcements were made at all the services on the following Sunday to encourage the people to exercise their right to vote and to inform them of classes to be held after the services on the following Sundays.

Oct. 2 — A survey was sent out to the parents of the students attending the two Negro high schools to find out if they were registered and if they would like more information to do so. These people will be called personally to attend the classes.

Oct. 3 — A meeting was held at one of the Negro churches to plan the classes. It was attended by ten people most of whom are teachers.

Oct. 6 — Classes after all the services at one of the churches.

Information booth at church fair

Budget:

Compiling Information $60

stencils
ink
paper
staples
telephone
car expenses

Workers

Two people working three hours per day for four weeks

Future Plans:

Follow the same procedure in the Protestant churches.

Meeting of leaders in the other Lafayette Catholic Negro church and organization of classes on Oct. 13.

House meetings in neighborhood.

After election:

More information and education before Presidential elections.

Continued meetings with those who participated to foster thought and action.

We do not think any of the preceeding information should be published or made know in any way at the present time.

The Grail is a Catholic movement of lay women working in social, educational and cultural fields.

October 10, 1963

The Grail
127 Cherry Street
Lafayette, Louisiana

Attention Miss Jane Duffin

Gentlemen:

The Voter Education Project has received a request for financial assistance to the Grail in support of a voter education project which you are now conducting in Lafayette, Louisiana. Mr. Henry Cabirac informs us that your tentative budget is $200.

VEP is pleased to approve your request for financial assistance and we are enclosing our check made payable to the Grail in the amount of $200. Normally, we require that all VEP funds be deposited in a special checking account but in view of the fact that this is a small one-time grant you may, at your discretion, handle your transactions on a cash basis; but you should prepare a voucher in support of each expenditure (a supply of these are being sent you under separate cover) as we shall expect a detailed accounting at the completion of your project. You may send all these vouchers to us at the end of your program, which as we understand it is November 6.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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cc: Mr. Henry Cabirac

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National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice

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October 7, 1963

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Air Mail Special Delivery

Mr. Wiley Branton
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W. Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

You will find enclosed a brief outline of the Voter Registration Project which is already begun by the Grail in Lafayette, Louisiana. They also have a tentative budget, which, according to the information they give could be covered by $200.00 for the Goevernor's race.

This is a pitifully small amount but I do think that it has a good chance of sucess in a limited way. For your information, 56% of the Diocese of Lafayette is Catholic and it has the largest number - 80,000 - of Catholic Negroes of any Diocese in the country. The Grail has also been working with me over a period of time to attempt to desegregate the Catholic schools in this area which of course would be a catalyst to desegregate the public schools.

Would you be able to do anything for them on this project? Time is short since registration ends November 6th.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Cabirac

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W.B.

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Wiley A. Branton
From: Jean Levine
Re: Financial Reporting on VEP 3-24 (The Grail)

The final financial reporting has been received from the subject project and is broken down as follows:

Grant - October 10, 1963		$200.00
Expenditures:		
Office Supplies	$30.00	
Postage	3.00	
Salaries	140.00	
Tel. & Tel.	7.00	
Tran. & Trav.	20.00	
Total		200.00

JL

October 11, 1963

Miss Jane Duffin
The Grail
127 Cherry Street
Lafayette, Louisiana

RE: VEP 3-24

Dear Miss Duffin:

Since we are a research project, it is vitally important that we receive from you at the termination of your registration project, information as to the number of persons you were able to get registered. As we understand it, the initial phase of your project will terminate on November 6. We hope to hear from you within a week following that date. How many persons were registered during the course of your project.

Very truly yours,

Jack Minnis
Director of Research

JM:js

WBV

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October 17, 1963

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Air Mail

Mr. Wiley Branton
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Place, N.W. Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

Thanks a million for responding so quickly to my request for financial assistance to the Grail Voter's Project in Lafayette, Louisiana. I will keep in touch with the group at Grail to supply them as much encouragement and help as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Henry

Henry Cabirac

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November 14, 1963

The Grail
127 Cherry Street
Lafayette, Louisiana

Attention Miss Jane Duffin

Gentlemen:

May we have financial and progress reporting on your VEP 3-24 project which our records indicate ended on November 6. We will need to know what expenditures were made from the $200 grant and how many persons were registered during the course of your program.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

11-18-63

Have we received fiscal reporting from vep 3-24 (Grail)? Their program ended 11/6/63

J.M. Please reply WB

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THE GRAIL

~~315 BROOK AVE.~~ · LAFAYETTE, LA. · CE. 2-1165
127 Cherry St. November 15, 1963

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Enclosed you will find an outline of our voter education project. As you can see from the outline it is difficult to know exactly how many people registered through our project.

According to the Lafayette Registrar of Voters' Office there were seventy-two Negroes who registered in the past month. This was the highest ever registered in one month and one out of twenty-five did not pass the test.

We were disapointed with the number in terms of the effort and time put into the project. At the same time we are most encouraged with the interest and leadership that is awakening here and plan to continue the project in the coming year.

We are most grateful for your grant of $200. We would also appreciate your comments and suggestions regarding the project and the work in the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Duffin

(Miss) Jane Duffin

cc: Mr. Henry Cabirac

LAFAYETTE, LA. VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

1. Survey — was sent to parents of students attending Holy Rosary High School to find out if they were registered and if they would like information to do so.

2. Home Visits — were made by ten high school and college students to people who indicated on survey that they would like information. Sixty-three people were visited and given sample registration form and citizenship test.

3. Classes — were held for three Sundays at St. Paul's Catholic church after all the services. An announcement was made during the service of the responsibility to vote and that information would be available immediately following the service. Teachers from the parish helped with the classes. However, not many people came for the classes.

   Classes in voter registration were also held at the other Catholic Negro church during their regular adult education classes.

   A voter education booth was set up at St. Paul's fair. Announcements were made over the loud speaker encouraging the people to vote and to avail themselves of information at the booth. About thirty people came for information.

4. Cooperation With Other Groups — We met and exchanged ideas with the local leaders of the NAACP in Opelousas, La. One of our workers spoke at their general meeting.

   We met with representatives of a local Negro businessmen's organization who have assisted us.

   Information and forms were given to leaders of Protestant Churches.

   The League of Women Voters contacted us and offered speakers for future meetings.

   A report of the project was given to the Lafayette Diocesan Directors meeting. As a result an editorial was written in the Southwest La. Register. It was also suggested that the Bishop should write a letter regarding voting. The suggestion was accepted and a letter was sent by the Bishop to all pastors asking them to encourage the people to register and vote and not to sell their votes for jobs or money.

   An article was written for Southern Consumers' Co-op News.

   A meeting has been arranged with the leaders of a similar project in New Iberia, La.

5. Information — Registration forms and sample tests were given to businessmen, teachers and other individuals who distributed them to clients, students, etc.

YOU Can Be A FIRST CLASS CITIZEN

HOW?

REGISTER AND VOTE

Deadline November 6

A Voteless People is a Hopeless People

This included a form at the bottom to be filled out regarding age, if they were registered or not, and if they would like more information.

1.
The President is elected--
a. by the Congress.
b. by the direct vote of the people.
c. by the people through electors.

2
The Church that we attend is chosen--
a. by the National Government.
b. by ourselves
c. by the Congress

3
The President must be at least--
a. twenty-five years old.
b. thrity years old.
c. thrity-five years old.

4
It is important for every voter--
a. to vote as others tell him to vote
b. to vote for the most popular candidates.
c. to vote for the best qualified candidates.

5
The president of the Senate gets his office--
a. by election by the people.
b. by election by the senate.
c. by appointment by the President.

6
The Congress cannot regulate commerce=
a. between States
b. with other countries.
c. within a state.

7. The general plan of a State government is given--
a. in the Constitution of the United States
b. in the laws of the Congress.
c. in its own State constitution.

8. The President gets his authority to carry out laws--
a. from the Declaration of Independence.
b. from the Constitution
c. from the Congress.

9. Our towns and cities have delegated authority which they get from the-
a. State
b. Congress.
c. President.

10. A citizen who desires to vote on election day must before that date,go before the election officers and--
a. register
b. pay all of his bills.
c. have his picture taken.

11 The Articles of Confederation are--
a. the Constitution we now have.
b. a plan for State government.
c. an early plan of government for the original 13 States.

12. The mail carrier is paid by the--
    a. city
    b. State
    c. United States Government

13. The President is elected--
    a. for four years
    b. for six years
    c. for life

14. The Congress cannot establish--
    a. churches
    b. courts
    c. banks

15. Name of our first President--
    a. John Adams
    b. George Washington
    c. Alexander Hamilton

16. The President is elected--
    a. by Congress
    b. by the direct vote of the people
    c. by the people through electors.

17. We usually decide public questions in the US by a vote of the--
    a. few
    b. majority
    c. male citizens

18. Bad government in a democracy is possible if the people--
    a. make wise vote
    b. forget to vote
    c. do not stay at home

19. A government in which the people delegate authority to chosen officials -
    a. totalitarian state
    b. republic
    c. a monarchy

20. Laws for the District of Columbia are made--
    a. by the state of Maryland
    b. by the Congress
    c. by the people who live there

21. The Legislative branch of the State government--
    a. makes the laws for the State
    b. tries cases in the courts
    c. explains the laws

22. Limits are placed on the right to vote by the--
    a. National Government
    b. State
    c. Courts

23. The powers granted to the National Government in the Constitution are called-
   a. delegated powers
   b. denied powers
   c. the final authority

24. The Constitution of the United States places the final authority in our nation in the hand of-
   a. the national courts
   b. the States
   c. the people

25. Each State has as many presidential electors as it has-
   a. Senators
   b. Representatives
   c. Senators and Representatives

26. In case of impeachment of the President, the officer who would preside at the trial is-
   a. TLhe vice President
   b. the Speaker of the House of Representatives
   c. Chief Justice of the United States

27. Money is coined by-
   a. the States
   b. the people
   c. the National Government

28. Our Constitution has been changed--
   a. by the President
   b. by the Congress and the people
   c. by the Supreme Court

29. The State governments have the authority to-
   a. admit new States in the Union
   b. set up a local government within the State
   c. declare war

30. The Seventeenth Amendment states that Senators shall be elected by-
   a. the State legislature
   b. the people of the States
   c. the Congress

31. Presidential candidates are nominated-
   a. by the Sate legislature
   b. by National Conventions
   c. by the people

32. The written statement of the things for which a political party stands is called the-
   a. ballot
   b. platform
   c. candidate

33/ The number of Representatives from each State depends upon-
   a. the voters
   b. the population
   c. the electors

34. The Senate and Congressmen from my State are elected by the-
   a. State legislature
   b. voter

35. The Constitution of the US places the final authority in the hands of-
   a. the National Courts
   b. the States
   c. the people

36. US Judges obtain their offices through-
   a. election by the people of their districts
   b. appointment by the President without approval of the Senate
   c. appointment by the President with advice and consent of the Senate

37. A tax on the money a person receives in payment for his labor, or earnings from his property is--
   a. an income tax
   b. a poll tax
   c. a sales tax

38. The members of lthe House of Representatives are called--
   a. judges
   b. Congressmen
   c. Senators

39. The US Supreme Court is made up of-
   a. 9 Judges
   b. 6 Justices
   c. 5 Justices

40. The Judges of the national courts hold office-
   a. for five years
   b. for life if they obey the laws
   c. for 20 years

41. The tax we pay on our property is-
   a/ business tax
   b. a property tax
   c. an inheritance tax

42. All bills of revenue (tax) must begin in-
   a. the Senate
   b. the Supreme Court
   c. The House of Representatives

43. Most States have a lawmaking body made up-
   a. of two houses
   b. of one house
   c. of the governor and the department heads

44. The chief work of the Congress is to-
   a. make the laws for the nation
   b. explain the laws
   c. make treaties

45. The system of courts in a State is called-
   a. the executive branch of the government
   b. the State Judiciary
   c. the Senate

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION FORM
SAMPLE

Ward No._____
Prect. No._____
Cert. No._____

I am a citizen of the United States and of the State of Louisiana.
My Name is Mr. - Mrs.-Miss_____ I was born in the State (or Country) of_____,Parish (or county) of_____, on the ____day of _____,in the year_____. I am now ____years,_____months and _____days of age. I have resided in this State since _____, in this Parish since_____, and in Precinct No.____, in Ward No.____ of this Parish continuously since_____. I am not disfranchised by any provisions of the Constitution of this State. The name of the householder at my present address is_____. My occupation is_____
My color is_____ My sex is_____I am not now registered as a voter in any other Ward or Predinct of this State, except_____. My last registration was in Ward_____ Precinct_____Parish_____
I am now affiliated with the_____Party.

In each of the following items the applicant shall mark through the word "have" or the words "have not" so that each item will show a true statement about the applicant:
I have (have not) been convicted of a felony without receiving a full pardon and restoration of franchise.
I have (have not) been convicted of more that one misdemeanor and sentenced to a term of ninety (90) days or more in jail for each such conviction, other than traffic and/or game law violations, within five years before the date of making this application for registration as an elector.
I have (have not) been convicted of any misdemeanor and sentenced to a term of six (6) months or more in jail, other than traffic and/or game law violations, within one year before the date of making this application for registration as an elector.
I have (have not) lived with another in "common law" marriage within five years before the date of making this application for registration as an elector.
I have (have not) given birth to an illegitimate child within five years before the date of making this application for registration as an elector. (The provisions hereof shall not apply to the birth of any illegitimate child conceived as a consequence of rape or forced carnal knowledge.)
I have (Have not) acknowledged myself to be the father of an illegitimate child within five years before the date of making this application for registration as an elector. I do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and fully abide by all the laws of the State of Louisiana, so help me God.

Signature_____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Date.....Address.....Ward No.....Prect. No.....Cert.No....
Date.....Address.....Ward No.....Prect. No.....Cert.No....
Date.....Address.....Ward No.....Prect. No.....Cert.No....

CHANGE OF NAME

I am now Mr.-Mrs.-Miss_____Date of Change_____
Nature of Change_____

REMARKS

Name of Employer_____Property owner_____
Tenant_____Boarder_____
Mother's first or maiden name_____.

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re: LG
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THE GRAIL

~~315 BROOK AVE.~~ · LAFAYETTE, LA. · CE. 2-1165
127 Cherry Street November 19, 1963

NOV 19 1963

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

In our voter education report of November 15 we said the increase of registered Negroes in October was 72. We are happy to report that this figure was a mistake.

This figure was given to us by someone who was in a position to get the information. However, in discussing it further with the people who worked on the project we thought there must be something wrong since we knew personally more than 72 who registered.

I was afraid that the Registrar's office would not give me the information but I called today and found out that the increase of registered Negroes for the month of October was 272. This was indeed encouraging to us and I hope to you also.

Thank you again for all your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Duffin

Jane Duffin

cc: Mr. Henry Cabirac

November 22, 1963

Miss Jane Duffin
The Grail
127 Cherry Street
Lafayette, Louisiana

Dear Miss Duffin:

Mr. Branton has asked that I reply to your letters of November 15 and 16.

We want to compliment you on the promptness and completeness of your report. It gives us, I think, of just what kind of project you conducted. We would like to have a copy of the bishop's letter to the pastors if you could obtain one without any undue inconvenience.

We think that, considering the time and the money that was devoted to your project, it was a resounding success. We trust that you will be continuing the good work when registration reopens after the first of the year.

We would like to be kept advised of your activities to the greatest extent you find convenient.

My very best wishes for a continued registration success in this period.

Very truly yours,

Jack Minnis
Director of Research

JM:js

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THE GRAIL

127 CHERRY STREET • LAFAYETTE, LA. • CE 5-8955

December 10, 1963

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Mr. Jack Minnis
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Minnis:

Thank you for your encouraging response to the voter education report.

It is not possible for me at this time to get a copy of the letter which was sent to all pastors from the Bishop.

Would you please keep me informed of similar projects. We would like to make plans for further work before the presidential elections.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Duffin

Jane Duffin

WB—

JUL 30 1964

July 28, 1964

Miss Mary Jamieson
c/o Marion O. White
1520 North Market Street
Opelousas, Louisiana

Dear Miss Jamieson:

I strongly suggest that you contact Miss Janes Duffin, who was very active with the Voter Registration Drive in Lafayette, at 127 Cherry Street, Lafayette, La.

We have no materials to help in the Voter Registration Drive of the Opelousas NAACP but by a copy of this letter I am asking Southern Regional Council in Atlanta, 5 Forsyth Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia, to send you ~~the~~ materials that they have.

If Miss Duffin is not in town, I am sure that others of the ladies at The Grail center where Miss Duffin is could put you in contact with those actively engaged in their program.

Sincerely yours,

John P. Sisson

John P. Sisson (fl)
Director

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cc: Miss Jane Duffin
Mr. Wiley Branton

From:
Southern Field Service
1046 Baronne St.
New Orleans La
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Negro Dentist Files for Council

Gazette State News Service

Pine Bluff, Sept. 7.—Dr. W. L. Molette, 44, a Negro dentist, has filed as an independent candidate for the Ward 4 seat on the Pine Bluff City Council.

He will oppose the Democratic incumbent, W. E. Bobo Jr.

The race will be the only contest for the city in the November 5 general elections, according to Garland Brewster Jr., chairman of the Jefferson County Election Commission.

Dr. Molette, a native of Camden and a graduate of Arkansas AM and N College here and Meharry Medical College at Nashville, Tenn., is a past president of the Arkansas Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association.

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TOWNSEND PARK HIGH & ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

ELIJAH COLEMAN
PRINCIPAL H. S.
PHONE JE 4-5243

MEMBER OF N. C. A.
OF THE DOLLARWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2
2600 - 2601 FLUKER STREET
PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS, 71601

C. N. TONEY
PRINCIPAL ELEM.
PHONE JE 4-4185

October 22, 1963

OCT 24 1963

Attorney Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Attorney Branton:

The Pine Bluff Council for Community Affairs is presently during a study of voting trends here in Pine Bluff, and Jefferson County.

Recently, we've had a tremendous increase in the number of Negroes who have paid their poll tax, but we find that we are not getting a fair percentage of the potential voters to the polls at voting time.

In a few days (November 5, 1963) we will have an election coming up at which time we hope to encourage as many of these voters to go to the polls as possible to cast their vote. While we are not, and will not support any candidate for the November election, we, nevertheless feel we have an obligation to find out what can the citizens of this community do to encourage more people to vote.

If a project such as ours meets the approval of your organization, we are asking for some financial aid to help with this study.

We shall gladly furnish you with information relative to this study after we have finished.

Yours truly,

Elijah Coleman

Elijah Coleman
Chairman

10-25-63

This is key for the highest Negro registration Pine Bluff has ever had WB.

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Pine Bluff Commercial 10/25/63

25,195 in Jefferson Pay Their Poll Taxes

A list of Jefferson County's registered voters has been prepared, County Clerk E. Allen Sheppard announced today. It gives the name, race and address of each of the county's 25,195 residents who paid their 1963 poll taxes.

The list shows that of the total, 17,393 poll tax holders are white and 7,766 are Negroes. Last year, there were 15,834 qualified white voters and 6,521 qualified Negro voters for a total of 22,355.

The increase in the number of Negroes who paid their poll taxes this year was most apparent in Pine Bluff's Ward 4, in which a large number of Negroes live. It was in that ward that voter registration drives by the Pine Bluff Movement and the Student Nonviolent Co-ordinating Committee were concentrated.

Negroes in Ward 4 who paid their poll taxes this year totaled 3,372, compared with 1,934 last year.

White residents of Ward 4 who paid their poll taxes this year numbered 2,107. Last year the number was 1,934.

The total number of poll tax receipts issued to Ward 4 residents was 5,489 this year, compared with 4,655 last year.

Because portions of three school districts are included in Ward 4, Sheppard issued a breakdown of how many voters are in that ward from each district.

In the Pine Bluff School District, 1,960 of the Ward 4 poll tax holders may vote. In the Watson Chapel School District, 1,555 Ward 4 residents are qualified to vote. And in the Dollarway School District, 1,964 Ward 4 residents are eligible to vote.

Sheppard said each qualified voter's poll tax receipt designate in which school district he could vote.

The largest increase in the number of white persons to pay poll taxes this year was in Wards 1 and 3. In Ward 1, sales to white residents rose to 1,738 this year, and increase of 281. Ward 3 sales to white residents were up 278 over last year's 5,253.

Sheppard showed the following breakdown of where poll tax holders live:

	White		Negro		Total	
Precinct	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963
Ward 1	1,457	1,738	373	490	1,830	2,228
Ward 2	1,561	1,656	731	852	2,292	2,508
Ward 3	5,253	5,531	140	159	5,393	5,690
Ward 4	1,934	2,107	2,721	3,372	4,655	5,489
Remainder of County	5,629	6,361	2,556	2,893	8,185	9,244
Totals	15,384	17,393	6,521	7,766	22,355	25,195

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Receipt acknowledged this
day of 10-28, 1963.
Signed Elijah Coleman
(Chr) Pine Bluff Council for
Community Affairs
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Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

October 25, 1963

Mr. Elijah Coleman
Chairman
Pine Bluff Council for Community Affairs
c/o Townsend Park High School
2600 Fluker Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601

Dear Mr. Coleman:

RE VEP 3-25

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 22, which supplements our personal conversation during my last visit to Pine Bluff regarding the voter education project which you wish to conduct immediately in the city of Pine Bluff, Arkansas and which will conclude with the November 5 city general electionnin your city. As I understand it, your organization desires to make a careful study of the voting habits of Negroes in the city of Pine Bluff and to ascertain the following:

1) What percentage of the registered Negro voters within the city of Pine Bluff vote in a particular election?

2) The voting precincts or wards in which those Negroes who do vote reside.

3) The effect of the Negro vote in an election.

I think for purposes of your study you should also make an analysis of the effect of a Negro candidate on the turnout of white voters for a city general election inasmuch as traditionally you have had very few people turn out for a city general election. The results from past city general elections can be readily obtained from the files of

the Pine Bluff Commercial.

We have decided to make you a grant in the amount of $300 in support of your project and you will be required to prepare a voucher in support of each expenditure and submit a full accounting to our office on or before November 15, 1963. Our check in the amount of $300 is enclosed representing payment in full of your grant. A supply of vouchers is being mailed under separate cover. Any portion of this grant not used nor required for this project should, of course, be refunded to the Voter Education Project.

No portion of these funds may be used to engage in partisan politics in any manner whatseever, nor in support of any political candidate and you are cautioned not to mix the proceeds of this grant in any bank account with other funds which your organization might have.

You are requested to indicate your understanding of the terms of this grant and acknowledge receipt of the enclosed check by signing the enclosed carbon of this letter and returning it to us immediately.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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AN EDITORIAL

Getting Out the Vote Next Tuesday

By Elijah Coleman

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Pine Bluff—All qualified registered voters, particularly those here in Pine Bluff are urged to go to the polls and cast their vote in the November 5th General Election. "GETTING OUT THE VOTE" in next Tuesday's General Election and all other elections is a must if we are to become First Class American citizens. Now that we have apparently been successful in getting an increase in voter registration, we must now solidify our forces, create interest and enthusiasm and "GET OUT THE VOTE" in the November 5th General Election.

It isn't enough to get Negroes registered to vote. We must see that they get to the polls and see that they vote. We submit that this is not a pleasant way in which to get Negroes to vote but we must continue this way until Negroes become patriotic enough to go to the polls and vote because it is right to do so.

We are therefore calling upon all the Ministers, Civic, Political, and various other leaders to exert their influence by helping to "GET OUT THE VOTE" in the November 5th General Election. The Ministers can play their parts in this "GET OUT THE VOTE" campaign by setting aside Sunday, November 3rd as Citizenship Day and deliver special sermons to their congregation on "GETTING OUT THE VOTE."

P. T. A.'s, Social and Fraternal Organizations and Individual Citizens can play a part in this campaign by Walking, Telephoning, and by Word of Mouth. PLEASE urge your fellow citizens to go to the polls November 5th and cast a vote. When you go to the polls to vote next Tuesday, November 5th in the General Election, DON'T FORGET TO CARRY YOUR 1963 POLL TAX RECEIPTS. Your 1962 receipts will not be valid in this election.

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Absentee (courthouse) — Jerry Fuess (D), Charlie Jones (D) and Mrs. Janie Maurer (R), judges, and Emmett Brown (D) and Ben Smith (D), clerks.

Barraque (Redfield)—C. E. Rowles (D), Mrs. Flora Lawhon (D) and Mrs. John Brinson (R), judges, and Mrs. H. R. Goodman (D) and Mrs. David Halstead (D), clerks.

Plum Bayou (Altheimer)—Mrs. E. L. Bow Jr. (D), Mrs. J. P. Lybrand (D) and Mrs. Y. Pake (R), judges, and Mrs. W. R. Vassaur (D) and Mrs. Arden Vassaur (D), clerks.

Tax Collections Up

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — The state Revenue Department has reported that Arkansas tax collections in October totaled $13,931,641—an increase of $1,200,000 over the same month last year.

Polls to Open Tomorrow; Only One Jefferson Race

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Any person of legal age who possesses a 1963 poll tax and who is otherwise qualified is eligible to vote in the election. All qualified voters in Pine Bluff may vote in the Fourth Ward race.

In addition to being 21 years of age and possessing a poll tax, a voter must have lived in the state one year, the county six months and his voting precinct 30 days.

The only persons not required to possess a poll tax receipt are "maiden voters." These are persons who have become 21 years of age since April 10 of this year.

The procedure to cast a "maiden vote" is for the person to go to his voting precinct and satisfy election officials that he is qualified. He does this by signing an affidavit provided by the officials. An election judge will witness the signing. It is not necessary to have it notarized.

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Pine Bluff Commercial, Tuesday, November 5, 1963

Voting Heavy In 4th Ward Council Race

Voting was heaviest in Pine Bluff's Fourth Ward this morning as voters went to the polls to elect an alderman in the county's only general election contest.

W. E. Bobo, Jr., a feed dealer, is running for his fourth term as Fourth Ward alderman. He is opposed by Dr. W. L. Molette, a Negro dentist. Bobo is the Democratic Party nominee, and Molette is an independent.

A check of the city's eight polling places between 10 and 10:30 a.m. showed that in the Fourth Ward 411 votes had been cast. A high concentration of Negroes live in the ward.

In other wards, election officials reported that the majority of the voters were Negro. This was true in Ward 2 and to some extent in Ward 3. The polls will close at 6:30 p.m.

Here is the breakdown of total votes in each of the city's four wards as of 10:30.

WARD 1	
Box 1	122
Box 2	43
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Box 1	61
Box 2	85
WARD 3	
Box 1	53
Box 2	97
WARD 4	
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Aldermen Discuss Study of Wards

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Under the system used by Pine Bluff, aldermen are required to live in the wards they represent but are nominated and elected in city-wide votes. This system has often led to the defeat of candidates who carried the wards which they sought to represent but lost by such margins in the other wards that their home ward majorities were overcome.

The most recent example of a candidate winning his home ward vote but losing the election was Tuesday. Dr. W. L. Molette, a Negro dentist, challenged incumbent Alderman W. E. Bobo Jr., a feed dealer, for Fourth Ward Alderman.

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Reaction to the Leath proposal was generally favorable, although some Negro leaders expressed a fear that it might be an attempt to gerrymander the districts so as to reduce Negro voting strength. The Negro leaders also suggested that the city-wide election system by changed.

Mayor Offie Lites agreed wholeheartedly with Leath that something had to be done. The Third Ward has had the most population for many years, the mayor said, adding that the Fourth Ward had become almost as large in population.

Molette said he hadn't investigated the proposal. However, he said he knew that redistricting had been used in some cities to split the Negro vote.

"I don't want to see the Negro section (in Pine Bluff) split," Molette said.

Reverend Ben Grinnage, chairman of the Pine Bluff Movement, which supported Molette in this week's election, agreed that a realignment of wards could split the Negro vote. But he said he wanted to see how the wards would be affected before making an assessment of the proposal.

Molette and Grinnage said that while a ward realignment was being considered, the city should consider giving up the city-wide election system used to select its aldermen. Molette compared the present system to residents of one state electing the governor of a neighboring state.

The dentist said he felt strongly that Negroes, a minority group, should have representation in Pine Bluff's city government. He termed the present election system "very unfair." Grinnage agreed.

Mayor Lites said he was satisfied with the present system of electing aldermen in city-wide votes. He said a change to single-ward elections would result in factionalism and [illegible] scratching.

He said that when [illegible] elections [illegible] aldermen tend to swap votes on improvements requiring City Council approval.

"They used to have that method up in North Little Rock," the mayor said, "and they always had a cat fight at every council meeting."

Lites, Leath and the other aldermen said they would await the completion of Mashburn's study before proposing any action.

Mashburn said he could have the study completed by the time the council meets next, November 18.

Executive Carl B. Haun Is Dead at 73

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He was recognized as a pione in aviation. He was a licens pilot and had operated a sma airline. He was a friend and co temporary of the late Amel Earhart.

Mr. Haun moved to Pine Blu in 1940, a year after he began h association with Ben Pearson.

He was a member of Chik skia Masonic Lodge 109 and of th

[illegible] and administrators convening at Little Rock today and tomorrow for the annual Arkansas Education Association convention.

Evaluation stimulates teachers to grow professionally, gives them a reasonably sound concept of education and aids young teachers to learn their skill, he said.

Roelfs added that systematic evaluation also culls the misfit and malcontent in the teaching profession.

Superintendent Chris D. Corbin of Fort Smith told the group that the most difficult task is dismissing personnel, particularly certified teachers.

The first general session of the association meetings is set tonight.

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School Revenue

LITTLE ROCK (AP)—Arkansas schools could get $77,000,000 a

[illegible] strong position. New York [illegible] had a tradition of giving second terms to governors. Under Harriman, Democrats had [illegible] made some inroads in GOP strongholds upstate.

But Rockefeller won and, a 50, he was a bright new star i the GOP horizon.

Nelson Rockefeller was bor

2 Fair Officials Resign in Desha

Special to The Commercial

McGEHEE—C. C. Stuart ha resigned as president of the D sha County Fair Association Board of Directors, and Ross Ro ertson has resigned as manag of the fair.

Stuart said the press of oth activities prevented him from gi ing the necessary time to the pre idency. Robertson, who gave

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PTA and Politics

The evidence to date is far from conclusive but it points to the use of part of the Pine Bluff PTA organization for partisan political purposes in Tuesday's city election.

There seems to have been a get-out-the-vote campaign with at least some hints and warnings that a Negro might be elected to the City Council if the white vote wasn't mustered. The PTA of more than one school was involved in this. In at least one case, the word was passed through the chain of command, with room mothers asked by a PTA higher-up to get on the phone and see that the children of parents in their room turned out.

The PTAs have been ~~in school~~ politics before, and will be again. We don't know how organized PTA action to support a school bond issue or to oppose a manifestly unfit candidate for the School Board could be objected to. But such action would seem proper only if the issue was the schools and if it had been officially sanctioned by PTA's elected leadership in an open and legal meeting.

The community will want to know the extent of PTA involvement in the city election and will want assurance that such an involvement will not be repeated.

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TOWNSEND PARK HIGH & ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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November 14, 1963

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Attorney Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206, 5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Attorney Branton:

We, The Pine Bluff Council for Community Affairs, are mailing your office under separate cover our report on a study done for the Pine Bluff area on and before the November 5th General Election.

We will mail a complete financial report as soon as all checks have cleared the bank.

The account carried in the Simmons First National Bank, Pine Bluff, Arkansas under the title of Pine Bluff Council for Community Affairs.

Respectfully yours,

Elijah Coleman

Elijah Coleman, Chairman

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Pine Bluff Council for Community Affairs
Route 2, Box 208A
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

The Pine Bluff Council for Community Affairs is a newly formed organization in Pine Bluff, and Jefferson County Arkansas.

The organization grew out of a desire of interested citizens to improve the voting record of the minority group (Negro) in this community and county.

The city of Pine Bluff has an overall population of approximately 54,000. Of this number the percentage of Negroes ~~are~~ about 47.3. There are 11,370 whites who are qualified voters and 4,873 Negroes.

It is the feeling of this organization that the minority vote can be the deciding factor at any election if most of these 4,873 can be encouraged to vote each election.

This organization (Pine Bluff Council for Community Affairs) made a careful study of the voting habits of the Negroes in the city of Pine Bluff with special reference to the recent General Election (November 5) in which a Negro was a candidate for the City Council. This study sought to ascertain the following information:

I. What percentage of the registered Negro voters within the city of Pine Bluff vote in a particular election?

II. The voting precincts or wards in which those Negroes who do vote reside?

III. The effect of the Negro vote in an election?

A detailed discussion on each of these questions follows. In addition, clippings from the Pine Bluff Commercial concerning the November 5 General Election are included as an appendix to this report.

I. There are 4,873 qualified Negro voters in the city limits of Pine Bluff. Of this number, approximately 2,881 voted in the November ~~8~~ 5th General Election.

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This number represents 59.1% of the total eligible to vote.

From the best information that this organization has been able to obtain turnout in this election previous turnouts for a similar election. (Example Box #1 of Ward Four is approximately 97% Negro had only 130 votes cast in the Alderman's race (7-25-'61 Pine Bluff Commercial).

In the recent Alderman's election the total vote for Box #1, Ward Four was 1,464 which was more than eleven times the previous vote for this box. This increase maybe attributed in part to the efforts on the part of this organization in getting the voters.

II. As pointed out above, the highest concentration of Negro voters reside in Ward Four (3,372 voters in 1963). The remaining 1,501 Negro voters reside in Ward 1, 2, and 3 in the city of Pine Bluff.

III. It can be clearly seen from the foregoing statements that the Negro Vote is and can be a decisive factor in the outcome of any election in the city of Pine Bluff, Jefferson County. Approximately 1,992 qualified voters did not vote on November 5. After a careful study it was found that most of these voters were field hands who had to be away on November 5 and were not sufficiently informed about voting by absentee ballot.

The Negro candidate received only 16 of 111 absentee votes cast.

The Pine Bluff Council for Community Affairs, after this study, recommends the followings:

1. That the Voter Education Project of this organization continues on a year-round basis.

2. That a better system be devised to see that the voters actually cast his ballot.

3. That the idea of group representation of minority views replace the "so-called" Negro leader.

4. That a Project of Research such as the Pine Bluff Council for Community Affairs, and a like group in Little Rock, be expanded to include all sections of the state with a large Negro population.

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December 3, 1963

DEC 5 1963

Attorney Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Attorney Branton:

We, the Pine Bluff Council for Community Affairs, would like to express our appreciation to you personally and the excellent organization for your financial help in conducting our drive to increase our voting power in this city and county.

Our organization is being kept alive and we do hope that we can expand our activities throughout the state.

For the check you sent us in the amount of $300 to promote our Voter Education Project, we are mailing you under separate cover a detailed report of our spending and a check to cover the balance left to this account.

$ 30.00 given to RHA 12-5-63

If further information is needed by you and your office, please let us know.

Yours very truly,

Elijah Coleman

Elijah Coleman
Secretary Treasurer

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Citizens Voting Committee - Elijah Coleman, Chr. - Pine Bluff, Arkansas

1-30-64

January 23, 1964

Mr. Eligah Coleman
Townsend Park High & Elementary Schools
2600 Fluker Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601

Dear Mr. Coleman:

At the time you sent your financial reporting to the Voter Education Project, you called our attention to one outstanding check for $13.00. We audited the checks and bank statement which you sent and returned them to you.

So that we may close the books on this project could you please tell us for what purpose the $13.00 was spent so that it may be entered in the appropriate account. The balance of $2.23 left in the bank account, will probably cover the cost of closing the bank account and any other bank charges which may have accrued.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

February 18, 1964

Mr. Elijah Coleman
Townsend Park High & Elementary Schools
2600 Fluker Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601

Dear Mr. Coleman:

Thank you for the cancelled checks and bank statement for the month of November, 1963. I am returning them to you after audit for your files.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

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FILE _ VEP 4-15

August 21, 1964

Mrs. Eva M. Clayton
P. O. Box 533
Warrenton, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Clayton:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 15 requesting a copy of the film, "Right Now!" The film is being sent to you under separate cover, and is being made available to you on a loan basis for an indefinite period of time.

We would be interested in seeing a copy of any report which you or the American Friends Service Committee might prepare following the citizenship education project in your area. When and if such a report becomes available, will you be kind enough to send us one?

Upon receipt of a budget proposal for your fall registration project, we would be pleased to give it immediate consideration.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

August 25, 1964

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Atty. Henry L. Marsh
Southern Aid Building
214 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Henry:

Thank you for the list of counties and voters. It will prove to be very helpful in conveying the complete picture of the Fourth Congressional District to Mr. Branton.

I was impressed by everything I saw and heard while in Richmond. Best of luck with your voter drive in the fourth district. I hope that VEP can be of help to your program. Please feel free to request our services at any time.

Sincerely,

Joe Tucker
Field Representative

JT:bs

Afro-American 6/22/63

Birmingham children launch drive for 10,000 new voters

By RAY ABRAMS
AFRO Staff Correspondent

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A massive city - wide voter registration drive is on here as local high school students are canvassing the colored community in an attempt to register 10,000 new voters.

Of a potential voting strength of 80,000 to 90,000, only 10 per cent are registered.

Most of the students involved in the drive are veterans of the recent demonstrations which brought this bastion of the Deep South down on its segregated knees.

Their slogan: "We went to jail for you; you vote for us."

SO FAR the drive has met with no overt violence or harassment by the police as more than 100 voters are registered each day.

The usual tactics of delay, however, have been brought into play by white authorities. The office where voters must take their tests is only open three half-days a week.

But in spite of this, since the drive has been on, close to 600 new voters have been put on the books in less than six half-days.

In addition to the efforts of the children, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth last week led some 400 eligibles before the board of registrars to make applications to become voters.

THE RESPONSE which the Greater Birmingham communities have made to this new effort for equality has been called "the most successful operation of its kind to date."

Each morning, sometimes as early as six o'clock, students meet with their leaders and advisers and plan the day's canvassing. The whole community is being contacted on a door-to-door basis in a persistent effort at convincing the "qualified to do their civic duty."

Registering voters has been termed "a key to unlocking the segregated doors in the Deep South."

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THE REV. James Bevels, a verteran of many a civil rights struggle in Mississippi and Alabama, told a recent gathering at New Pilgrim Baptist Church that this drive "will upset the political structure of the city and state if things continue as they have."

The students are aiming for two things — registering those who are qualified and teaching those who are not.

One of the more than 300 involved in the campaign told the AFRO that the students are using "every psychological method known to make the people move on the polls.'

* * *

ROBERT SEALS, .20, of Brighton, tells how he got involved in the movement:

"I got into the demonstrations this April. I was working at the time. When I saw what the dogs were doing, what the fire hoses were used for, a certain feeling passed through me.

"I left work, and joined in. After I was arrested and went to jail, I returned to find my job gone. Since then I have been actively involved."

Mr. Seals, who has led some 100 people to the registration office, stated that the "police have done little more than look and laugh." A few times he has been chased out of the room where the tests were conducted.

"They've called me n— and have told me to leave, but that's about all so far," Mr. Seals noted.

He pointed out that some of the questions which have to be answered are "downright foolish;" Some, intended only to embarrass those who seek to vote.

THE DRIVE to register colored voters has been met with attempts on the part of the whites to register their own. But it is believed here that such efforts will not hamper the progress the students are making.

Those playing a leading role in the campaign are the Rev. Andy Young, Atlanta; Dorothy Cottin, Atlanta; the Rev. Mr. Bevels, Cleveland, Miss., and the Rev. Charles Billups, Birmingham.

A Miles College senior, Sherrill Marcus, is chairman of the student drive and Miss Elizabeth Hayes is secretary. Each high school has its own leader, and all schools have been organized.

SCLC

I'll give me your opinion on this WB

9/14/63

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wiley Branton, Southwide Voter Education Project

FROM: Andrew Young, Southern Christian Leadership Conference

RE: VEP Assignment

SCLC hereby requestssome aid and support for Voter Registration in the following counties for the coming period of October 1, to the end of the VEP fiscal year.

In some counties we hope to begin work immediately, indeed we already have drives underway. In others, work will begin the first of the year. We will indicate which according to State.

VIRGINIA

It is our plan to conduct drives in the following counties during the coming months.

Bedford (Lynchburg)
Dinwiddie (Petersburg)
Pittsylvania (Danville)
Nansemond
Portsmouth

Drives are already underway in Danville and Petersburg, Danville having registered 632 persons in the past month. This is a considerable accomplishment in view of the fact that registration requires the payment of $4.78 in poll tax and this is a very poor area. Petersburg is slower, due to the limited hours in which you might register (12:00 - 3:00 P.M.).

NORTH CAROLINA

The Eastern Shore of North Carolina has been engaged in demonstrations which have stirred up the entire area. Williamston, N. C. is still active, and one of the points around which they are demonstrating is an extension of the Registration period.

There is a plan for a 100 car caravan from this area to go to Raleigh requesting the Governor to secure additional time in which citizens of this area might register with the same freedom accorded persons in other areas.

Registration was doubled during the past 10 day period in each of these counties. The books are only open 10 days in October and 10 days in April. We already have a staff of four persons working in the area: Golden Frinks, field secretary, Rev. F. H. LaGarde, regional representative for SCLC, Rev. and Mrs. James Bevel and John Gibson of our Atlanta office. In addition to these, 8 persons have been employed as field workers for this area, preparing the area for the coming registration period.

North Carolina con'td.

The following counties are involved in this project:

Gates	Bertie
Hertford	Martin
Chowan	Tyrell
Perquimans	Pitt
Pasquotank	Edgecombe (Rocky Mount)

SOUTH CAROLINA

SCLC has conducted Citizenship Schools in 39 of the 46 counties in South Carolina. These account for a steady increase in registration in view of the fact that in most counties the books are only open 1 or 2 days a month, I think that this approach to Voter Registration continues to be relevant.

Ben Mack our Field Secretary there will continue to work with Citizenship Schools and to encourage the organization of the county voter registration organizations. His work has concentrated in the First and Second Congressional Districts thus far.

Mrs. Clark will begin to work in the Fifth and Sixth Congressional Districts. We will attempt to increase the net work of Citizenship Schools in those areas.

No request is being made to VEP for assignment in South Carolina at this time due to the attempts being made by VEP's Field Director to establish responsible District-wide Voter Registration Organizations. SCLC will be willing to cooperate in this effort in any way and lend staff support wherever necessary.

GEORGIA

It is still our hope to increase the registered vote in Georgia by 100,000 before the 1964 elections and we are fortunate in having staff which is much more adequate to this task. SCLC will continue to cooperate with the Statewide Registration Committee in Georgia, but will have an additional program of concentration in the Southern part of the State.

Mr. Hosea Williams has arranged for a leave of absence from his job, and will work with SCLC for at least the next six months. His assignment will be first of all to conduct a drive in the First Congressional District. As soon as this is underway, he will begin to work with the Second and Eighth Congressional Districts in an attempt to establish District-wide Registration Drives and coordinate the activities of the big cities with those of surrounding counties. (2nd - Albany and S.W. Georgia; 8th Waycross area)

Fred Bennette will continue to supply staff help in Atlanta drive, and begin to work in the Sixth Congressional District (counties surrounding Macon). Mr. J. H. Calhoun will continue to work with the Statewide Registration Committee under SCLC, but our full time staff will spend its time in concentrated drives in the areas mentioned.

SCLC requests VEP Assignments in the following areas:

The First Congressional District of Georgia
Decatur (Bainbridge)
Grady
Thomas
Colquitt (Moultrie)
Brooks

Valdosta
Waycross
Athens
Gainsville
Rome

LOUSIANA

Lousiana has only a few months left before the books close for the Governor's primary. It is our hope to concentrate on the South-west portion of this State between now and November when the books close.

Three teams made up of person who have worked with us in Shreveport and Birmingham are already at work in Lake Charles, Alexandria and New Iberia. Each of these terms is composed of three persons with the understanding that a fourth will be added from the community as they begin.

From these three points we hope to cover the western portion of the State. It is fairly easy to register here, by Lousiana standards, and every voter may count in the coming election which already has taken on a Mississippi style anti-Kennedy note.

We would like VEP Assignments for the following Parishes:

Calcasieu (Lake Charles)
Iberia (New Iberia)
Rapides (Alexandria)

If this work meets with initial success, we will move immediately into Lafayette, Acadia, St. Martin, Evangeline, Jefferson Davis and possibly St. Mary Parishes.

SCLC will continue to work in the Shreveport area. Things are going better there than ever before, meaning that we are registering 15 or 20 per week. But we do not want VEP assignments for this area during this period since registration is too difficult to bring any immediate results of significance.

ALABAMA

Much work needs to be done in Alabama, and SCLC will begin to do the necessary preparation for successful drives. We will have two persons working in the state: Bernard Lee, and Albert Dunn, a student a ITC who will work Friday to Tuesday as field worker. He graduates in January and may join our staff full time then.

SCLC has a dozen or more affiliates in Alabama, but they need work in order to produce results. We will be doing the ground work, and may request some VEP help at the beginning of the year.

MISSISSIPPI

All SCLC work in Mississippi will be done through COFO, and will be largely Citizenship Schools. Annell Ponder will continue to work in Greenwood and supervise the work in that area. We have employed Mrs. Victoria Gray to work with John O'Neal in Hattisburg in that project. She is a graduate of Wilberforce and has attended our Dorchester Workshop. I am sure that she will have a lot to contribute to our efforts there.

TEXAS

LaVert Taylor, who is now working with us in the Lousiana project was a student at Bishop College and has expressed an interest in work in East Texas. I also contacted a former candidate for Congress who lost by only 41 votes in the past election to a segregationist. He was interested in helping us to get a drive started for obvious reasons, and since I met him at the Washington March with persons from the National Council of Churches, it seems to me that this might be worth exploring further after the books close for registration in Lousiana.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

PROSPECTUS ON VOTER REGISTRATION

APRIL - SEPTEMBER 1963

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S.C.L.C. VOTER REGISTRATION PROSPECTUS

APRIL - SEPTEMBER 1963

During the coming six month period, S C L C plans to see that some effort to register the non-white voting population in counties of the following seven state area. It is hoped that this program will be aided to some extent by funds from the Southwide Voter Education Project through which S C L C will cooperate with other Civil Rights organizations.

The selection of these counties was based on the experience of S C L C field secretaries in the given areas, on location of S C L C affilliates, on requests for aid from S C L C Board Members or interested citizens of the area, and on coming elections which merit a concerted effort at increasing the non-white voting potential.

S C L C is willing to cooperate with any other organization in these communities, and will attempt to work in such a way that encourages the development of local leadership capable of conducting a continued program in voter registration following this six month period of supervised activity.

In the event that other National bodies have plans to work in these areas, S C L C staff will be willing to work along with them in a coordinated effort, or withdraw our staff to concentrate on areas which are not being reached. However, we do feel that we have a committment to the following areas and will attempt to work with them in some way even if it means at a later date.

The needs of communities vary extensively. In some Metropolitan areas the major need is financial. These are usually communities which have worked with voter registration for some time and have developed the experience necessary to do the job. In these communities S C L C will attempt to channel directly any funds appropriated by the Voter Education Project, and work with them in planning, motivating and sustaining a smooth and effective effort.

Other communities need more staff help and guidance. In these communities, usually the smaller towns, volunteer effort can sustain a three month program and financial assistance will attempt to provide for certain specific needs such as part time secretarial help, car pools and materials. It has been our experiance that staff help is needed to organize these drives, work out conflicting patterns in local leadership, and or to deal with the special problems which confront a community which meets Negro registration with varying degrees of hostility. These communities need to know that there is some outside organization or source of moral support to which they may turn.

ALABAMA

In the state of Alabama, S C L C hopes to work in the following counties:

I. Counties with S C L C Affilliates

*Elmore	Tuscaloosa
Crenshaw	Talladega
*Calhoun	*Montgomery
*Etowah	Dallas
Perry	Mobile (?)

II. Counties in which S C L C has made some contact, or in which the Justice Dept. has encouraged some activity:

Barbour
Bullock

III. Counties in geographic proximity to those above which have large eligible non-white voting population:

Pike
Coosa

In the second and third catagories, S C L C's work would depend on the difficulty we experience in organizing the work among our affiliates. There is already work going on in the counties assigned by VEP, and a program is also underway in Perry County.

GEORGIA

S C L C will work in Georgia through the State-wide Registration Committee. Our staff of John Calhoun, Fred Bennette, and Ocelia Ellis can be supplimented by help from the home office in Atlanta especially Septima Clark and Annell Ponder.

It is our feeling that the State of Georgia is ready for an effective District level organization to bind counties of each Congressional District together and to encourage the larger centers to share some of their leadership and experience with the rural counties. This is expecially true now in Georgia. The Negro vote has the power and potential to be a great influence in the 1964 Congressional elections. These elections in Georgia, can remove Georgia once and for all from the Southern bloc. A new group of moderates are entering Georgia politics and with the support of a substantial District wide Negro electorate, they can un-seat some of the old line reactionaries which now dominate the House of Representatives.

S C L C sponsored Voting Clinics in each Congressional District of Georgia during the past three months. The counties represented in these clinics have begun drives of some sort. The next three months will be a period of follow-up on the investment made in the clinics.

All of the counties listed below did have persons from the county voter registration organization present in one of the Congressional District Clinics. Many of them have already begun work with further S C L C assistance.

We will continue to support and encourage these county units in their efforts, but we hope to concentrate our major efforts in the Sixth and Eighth Congressional Districts. In these districts we hope to see to it that every county is effectively organized.

For the past two years S C L C worked with the Bibb County Coordinating Committee of Macon and the Ware County Voter's League of Waycross. It is our hope that we can continue to work with these organizations in an effort to encourage the extension of their work to the entire district. Though the voting strength

of the Negro population is significant in local elections, I am afraid that the alliance of the existing segregationist vote in Macon, for example, and the small counties of traditional Georgian rural mentality can still control the Sixth Congressional District politically. The Moderate white vote and Macon Negro vote need some support from the rural county Negro vote. All of these counties are from 35 to 50 per cent Negro in population, and some organized effort could prove quite effective.

I think that the Sixth District is dependent on Macon and its leadership for success in this venture. Whoever directs the work in Macon must be encouraged to develop the surrounding counties.

S C L C's Citizenship program will also attempt to develop the rural areas of these districts also. This has proven an effective way or organizing a district in the First Congressional District of Georgia.

II. Congressional District

*Brooks	(Quitman)
*Thomas	(Thomasville)
Decatur	(Bainbridge)
*Colquitt	(Moultrie)
*Mitchell	(Camilla)
Dougherty	(Albany)

III. Congressional District

Crisp	(Cordele)
*Muscogee	(Columbus)
*Sumpter	(Americus)

IV. Congressional District

Butts	(Jackson)
*Carroll	(Carrollton)
Coweta	(Newnan)
*Henry	(McDunough)
Meriweather	(Greenville)
Newton	(Covington)
Spaulding	(Griffin)
*Troup	(LaGrange)

V. Congressional District

Fulton	(Atlanta)	Cooperation and staff assistance to All Citizens Registration Comm.
*Rockdale	(Conyers)	

VI. Congressional District

Bibb	(Macon)	Through Bibb County Co-ordinating Comm.
Baldwin	(Milledgeville)	
Laurens	(Dublin)	
Crawford	(Roberta)	
Jones	(Gray)	
Jasper	(Monticello)	
Jefferson	(Louisiville)	
Hancock	(Sparta)	
Washington		

VII. Congressional District

*Barton	(Cartersville)
*Cobb	(Marietta)
*Floyd	(Rome)

VIII. Congressional District

*Appling	(Baxley)
*Berrien	(Nashville)
*Clinch	(Homersville)
*Jeff Davis	(Hazelhurst)
*Lowndes	(Valdusta)
*Telfair	(McRae)
*Ware	(Waycross)

IX. Congressional District

*Hall	(Gainesville)

X. Congressional District

*Clark	(Athens)
*Morgan	(Madison)
*Oglethorpe	(Lexington)

VIRGINIA

Our work thus far in the State of Virginia has been confined to rural areas largely and has been very slow. There was a necessary job of leadership training, for this area of Virginia is not unlike the hard core South of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, and the experience of Negroes in politics was almost nil, with the exception of Petersburg. Poll tax has been another obstacle, and the economic plight of the Negro in this area further enhances this difficulty.

However, some of our most consistent and dedecated work has gone into this area. Herbert Coulton has matured emencely as a field secretary, and has done a good job in spite of what might have been discouraging circumstances.

The people to people tour of Dr. King and Dr. Abernathy stired the conscience of the area and the workers recruited in the series of mass meetings in the tide-water area have continued their efforts in canvassing and organizing. The short time in which registration is possible in most of these areas has been an additional obstacle.

S C L C has a State unit in Virginia. Its board members are active in local movements and there is a great deal of enthusiasm for an expanded voter registration effort in the cities of the tide-water area. It is with this in mind that S C L C hopes to organize drives in the following cities. This should increase our numerical results in the state of Virginia, because in the first five cities the registration books are open daily and all year round.

Registration Books open daily

Hampton	Suffolk
Newport News	Danville
Norfolk	Petersburg
Portsmouth	Williamsburg
Lywehburg	Prince Edward
	Sussex

Counties already assigned by VEP and in which we will continue to work:

Brunswick	Powhatan
Dinwiddie	Prince George
Lunenburg	Southampton
Mecklenburg	Petersburg
Nottoway	Hopewell

NORTH CAROLINA

S C L C conducted some very successful drives in the State of North Carolina during the past year. The impetus of the Edenton Movement and the leadership of Golden Frinks and Fred LaGarde has spread throughout the coastal area of North Carolina. This is the area where Negro population is heaviest, and it is also the most conservative section of the State.

S C L C has employed Mr. Golden Frinks as field secretary for the State, and he has been working in this area for many years as a civil rights volunteer.

Contacts have been made in the following counties and cities. Registration books will be open in May, and preliminary organizational meetings have already begun with some of these counties.

Prequimens County
Washington County
Tyrel County
Gates County
Martin County
Pitt County
Currituck County

Rocky Mount
High Point
Thomasville
Monroe (This community has never recuperated from the Robt. Williams incident. Mrs. Clark and the Citizenship School program have attempted some work, but a major voter registration effort would certainly draw the Negro leadership together again.)

S C L C will continue to work in the areas previously assigned by VEP since the books were not open but a short time during the tenure of our last grant. The work done there was done during September only. They were the following counties:

Chowan County
Pasquotank
Northampton
Bertie
Hertford

TENNESSEE

The city of Chattanooga is the only place where we have made definite preparations for a drive. However, there are several cities where we might be able to work effectively.

Chattanooga has neighborhood registration. Whenever 25 or more persons can be signed up as potential registrants, the Registrar will assign someone to locate the books at their convenience. Chattanooga has planned to employ a part time director to work one neighborhood at a time, using the existing churches and organizations of the community as the basis for his effort.

As we begin this period, there may be other cities that we might work with. Several cities have S C L C affilliates, but our contact with them is not up to date. Our S C L C Board Meeting in Memphis on April 30th should be an opportunity to contact several of them about work in their towns.

FLORIDA

S C L C has done very little in Florida of late. There are plans underway for a Voter Registration effort in Tallahassee and we have had a request for help from Dr. Edward Graham of Miami for assistance. Dr. Graham recently ran for city councilman in Miami and there should be a great deal of interest in the city right now. Florida is one of the few states that Negroes seem to be making progress without too many political barriers. S C L C should consider more work in Florida, especially in the towns near Tallahassee such as Pensacola, Lake City and possibly down in middle Florida. We are not in a position to begin such work at this time however.

LOUISIANA

Louisiana remains the S C L C nemesis. We have not, for some reason, been able to realize any gains there in any way. The situation has been lawless and violent, and the distance makes it easy to forget about. But Primary Elections beginning in December of this year will determine the destiny of the State for the next four years.

Like other hard core states with a violent heritage, business and other moderate leadership is beginning to assert itself. The businessmen, mindful of the loss of conventions to New Orleans, have been the potent force in de-segregation there. It seems reasonable that these same interests will be active in an attempt to unseat the Citizens Council power block that controls the State.

We have an untried field secretary in Louisiana, and we have assigned him to the most difficult city in the South...including Birmingham...Shreveport. His efforts and the concerted efforts of S C L C's total staff for the next two months will determine how much we can do in Louisiana.

It is our hope that we can effect a program in the parishes assigned to us by VEP. The following parishes are within our assignment:

Caddo (Shreveport)
Webster
Bienville
De Soto
Clainborne

The following places seem to be of particular political advantage due to the number of un-registered Negroes:

Rapides (Alexandria)
Calcasieu (Lake Charles)
Red River (... at the suggestion of the Justice Dept.)

The problem in most Louisiana cities has been the division of local leadership. Our people to people tour has been scheduled for Louisiana sometime this Spring. In this meeting Dr. King and Dr. Abernathy would attempt to hit the key metropolitan areas: Shreveport, Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles and New Orleans. The tour would include meeting with the various leadership factions in an attempt to organize a coordinated effort in registration. This would be followed by a mass meeting attempt to rally local support and recruit canvassers and other volunteers for the coming drives.

Motivation and inspiration is not the answer, but in Louisiana, where people seem discouraged and divided it appears to be a necessary step to organizing a mass program.

MISSISSIPPI

Voter Registration in Mississippi is being done largely through the efforts of the Committee of Federated Organizations. S C L C has attempted to suppliment this work through our field secretary, James Bevel and through the Citizenship Program. I think this supplimentary role is still our best attempt to work in Mississippi.

Bevel was instrumental in recruiting more than 100 persons from the Mississippi Delta during the past year as attendants at our Dorchester workshop. While very few of these actually conducted classes in the usual sense of the word, they are the backbone of much of the work in the Delta at present. Several of the persons now serving

as SNCC workers became active in the movement through their Dorchester experience and James Bevel. The work in Ruleville, Shaw, Jonestown, and a few other whistle stop Delta communities began as a result of Citizens attending our workshop last March. Clarksdale's registration work has also been aided by Citizenship schools. There are very few persons who can register in Mississippi without help. The poll tax and economic situation is so serious that registration without a mass movement seems in vain. The end result is a few more persecuted families.

Our best role is to continue to support the mass movement in registration which is centered in Leflore County and hope that we can spread it throughout the Delta, county by county.

Bevel's religious background and preaching ability are very much needed as a bridge between the "radical political" approach of the students and the people of the area.

SUMMARY

This proposed program is really in two phases. Of one phase we are certain and the projections rest on programs actually underway or where contacts are firm and responsible and where we have had long experience. This would include the programs for Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The work in Florida and Louisiana is based on need and faith. Louisiana, especially, needs a lot of work and the total committment of the entire staff force of S C L C if we are to make any impact there.

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Martin Luther King Jr., *President* Ralph Abernathy, *Treasurer* Wyatt Tee Walker, *Executive Assistant*

October 16, 1963

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Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

The enclosed budget request represents what we feel it will cost us to operate effectively in these areas during the coming months.

Savannah's request is greater than it was previously because we feel that this community is now able to crack the hard core of persons heretofore disinterested in registration. The movement this past summer was able to arouse those districts of lower income and involve them in the effort toward First Class Citizenship. In addition to this, Hosea Williams will be working full time and should be able to give more guidance and supervision to the expanded staff. I hope that VEP can see the increased opportunity as a result of our summer effort in Direct Action. The anger with the judicial structure alone should be sufficient motivation for increased registration potential.

Columbus, Georgia was not on our original request since you mentioned that Mr. Patten had been given some clearance to work there. However, since talking with you, Mr. Vernon Mitchell who has done the work in our previous efforts there has asked our help and informed us that their group voted to continue to work with SCLC. He has asked us for help in a drive which is about to get underway.

Albany, Georgia has recently affiliated with SCLC and is presently interested in a Drive. It is our understanding that SNCC staff is not in a position to run such a drive, due to Sherrard's illness and other complications within the community. We will be glad to take on this responsibility also if VEP sees no conflict with SNCC.

Our work in Virginia is already underway in Danville, Lynchburg and Petersburg. Danville has registered 753 persons during the past three months. We would like to continue our work there and solidify our organization for the coming year.

If there are any questions, we will be glad to answer them.

SCLC will be working in other areas as well, but we feel that more ground work must be done before attempting concentrated drives. S. W. Lousiana and Alabama are among these areas. We will keep your office supplied with reports on these areas also.

Sincerely yours,

Andy

Andrew J. Young
Voter Registration Director
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Copy to Wilson Brownton

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October 19, 1963

REPORT OF DOROTHY MOORE, FIELD ASSISTANT, SCLC
Danville, Virginia

I am sacrificing a year, or atleast a semester, of my college education to work in the struggle for Freedom; the reason for this is that I want to see the evil system of segregation ended right now. I find Voter Registration enjoyable, interesting, and very helpful to the community.

I find Voter Registration enjoyable and interesting because, it enables me to talk and work with people. In this type of work I am able to meet people of all types and discuss their problems, and try to help solve them.

We have been able to convince many people here that registering to vote is very important. Our department has been able to help the youth of this community. Most of the work done in Voter Registration is done by the youth. After canvassing, we set down and discuss the problems that we had while canvassing. This discussion goes into the problems that the youth are faced with in this community. The staff of our Department have tried to solved these problems, and we have been very successful.

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I can remember one incident in particular where we re able to help a newly registered voter. This lady was an anemic, and she depended upon some one else's blood to live. She could no longer purchase blood from the local hospital because it was too expensive, and she had to have the blood every month. We were able to find means of obtaining blood for her each month, and it was inexpensive. These are just a few of the things that our Department has done for the people of this community.

These are some of the things that I have done in Voter Registration; canvass, took head count at the Registrar's Office, helped in the work shops, made appeals at the Mass Meetings for Voter Registration when Mr. Coulton is out of the city, and I am the Secretary of the Voter Registration Department here at the Danville Christian Progressive Association's Office.

The checks that I have received for subsistence have been used for traveling expenses and work that I have done in the surrounding counties. These counties are Halifax, Chatham, and Pittsylvania. The counties have and are doing a marvelous job in Voter Registration. There are several Voter Registration Leagues, and these Leagues meet jointly once a month to make reports on the number of persons they have secured to register. I work directly with the members of these Leagues. The persons who live in the counties, register with their Registrar in their community. This is one of the advantages the county people have

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over the persons who live in the city. The application for Registration is very simple, and it is similar to the one used here in Danville. The Poll Tax is paid to the County Treasurer.

WORK OUT OF THE CITY

Traveling expenses: From Danville, Virginia to Petersburg, Virginia round-trip bus ticket $10.50. Miss Gladys Giles and I spent two nights in Petersburg, and we spent $6.00 for a room, and $6.00 for food.

Miss Giles and I attended a meeting of The Youth Voter Registration Committee. This Youth Committee is under the guidance of Petersburg Improvement Association with the able assistance of Mr. Herbert V. Coulten and Mr. H. E. Fauntelerey Jr. Mr. Fauntelerey is a school teacher in the Petersburg Public School system, and he has done a wonderful job with this group. He has also gotten committments from the from the teachers in the Petersburg and surrounding areas to canvass and to do other work in Voter Registration. The Youth group is well organized, and they are doing very good canvassing. They are now in the process of canvassing.

Traveling expenses: From Petersburg to Suffolk, Virginia, bus fare $4.90. We spent one night in Suffolk, and paid $6.00 for food a room.

We were unable to talk to Mr. Moses Rickkets (Riddick). Mr. Rickkets is running for one of the county seats in Suffolk, Virginia. We will be returning to Suffolk to meet with the entire group in Voter Registration to plan strategy for a good Voter Registration Drive.

Traveling expenses: From Suffolk, Virginia to Portsmouth, Va. bus fare $3.40. Taxi fare from bus station to Dr. Hugo Owens, .80.

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Dr. Hugo Owens is a Dentist in Portsmouth, and he is very interested in starting a Voter Registration Drive. He is also a member of the Executive Board of the Forum in Portsmouth. The meeting was with Dr. Owens, Rev. S.L. Rains, president of the Central Forum in the South part of Portsmouth, Mr. King, representing the Forum in Chesapeake, Virginia, and some other members of the Forum in Portsmouth. These Forums have been using adults to get registered voters. We suggested to them that the students could assist to ge new registered voters. Mr. Coulton suggested that the students should be contacted, and he felt that the best way to contact them would be to have a Coke Hop, or some type of social. This would held the interest of the young people, and in the intermission of the hop or social Voter Registration could be introduced to them. Everyone thought this was a very good suggestion, and Rev. Rains will make contact to the students at Norcum High School. Mr. King will make contact to the students at Crestwood High School in Chesapeake, Virginia

Traveling expenses: From Portsmouth, Virginia to Chesapeake, Virginia bus fare $3.25 Food $2.00.

In Chesapeake, we met with Mr. King's Forum, and we discussed some of the things and suggestions that we discussed in Portsmouth. We will be returning to Suffolk, Virginia, Portsmouth, Virginia, and Chesapeake, Virginia to help conduct a Voter Registration Drives.

From Petersburg to Danville, Miss Giles and I changed buses in Clarksville, Virginia. We had to wait for a bus a couple of hours. The Greyhound Bus Depot is in a building of a restaurant, and it is segregated. The tickets are purchased by white and Negroes on the same sid but the waiting rooms are segregated.

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I was able to talk to some of the people there, and they have very few registered voters. Most of the public accommodations are segregated, and they would like help. Maybe sometimes soon Clarksville can be looked into. Gills owns practically every public accommodation there.

(Miss) Dorothy E. Moore

Miss Dorothy E. Moore
Feild Assistant, SCLC

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Make new file
VEP 324

October 30, 1963

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Randolph T. Blackwell

Re: Opinions on SCLC's Proposals

Virginia

I think favorable of the SCLC proposal of October, 1963, so far as Virginia is concerned.

The finances requested seem reasonable, particularly if we are willing to rely on the figure of 700 registered in Danville as accurate.

It does appear, however, that we need to find out what SCLC's relationship is with the Portsmouth Center Civic Forum. It will be recalled that we have had some interest expressed by this group through Mr. David Muckel. In my field report of October, it is indicated that Mr. Muckel reported to me the fact that the Forum has conducted drives in the past, and is in the process of making plans for another. A letter from this group is anticipated in the very near future.

It likewise appears that we need to be concerned with SCLC's relationship with Mr. Moses Reddick, the COPE contact in this community. There are other facts in the field report that suggest that he is the local leader.

Georgia

I have examined the record of the Savannah project. There is substantial evidence of work being done through the schools, social organizations, and the like, of a nature that I think we would want to support.

I do not think, however, it advisable to support a $120 per week expenditure for radio time at present. Such, it seems, would require greater supervision than I feel VEP could or would want to exercise.

The other parts of the Georgia proposal have my approval, excepting Columbus, of course.

RTB

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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following: "That the Administrator of General Services is authorized to convey to the Lexington Park Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, a body corporate of the State of Maryland, within a period of two years following the date of enactment of this Act, by quitclaim deed, and upon terms and conditions herein provided as well as others the Administrator may prescribe, a tract of land, together with any Federal interests in the improvements thereon, located in St. Mary's County, Maryland, adjacent to Coral Place and Great Mills Road, which shall include the site of the fire station now maintained by the Lexington Park Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, of approximately 0.37 acre, but otherwise of shape and dimension as the Administrator may determine: *Provided*, That the instrument of conveyance authorized by this Act shall provide that upon determination by the Administrator of General Services that the Lexington Park Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, or its successor has ceased at any time within twenty years after the conveyance to use the property either for maintaining a fire station or to provide fire protection services for the facilities of the Federal Government in the adjacent locality, as defined in the deed, without cost to the United States, all right, title, and interest in the property shall revert to the United States in the then existing condition of such property without payment of compensation by the United States, subject to mortgages and liens then outstanding resulting from financial arrangements authorized by the Administrator and made for the purpose of improving the property."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey by quitclaim deed a parcel of land to the Lexington Park Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER. This concludes the call of the Private Calendar.

ARE CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS BECOMING MONEYMAKING RACKETS?

(Mr. ANDREWS of Alabama asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and to include an editorial.)

Mr. ANDREWS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to the attention of the Members of the House and the other body an editorial from the October 28 edition of the Dothan Eagle, Dothan, Ala.

The article is very lucid in pointing out the vast monetary proportions to which the integration movement has grown. Thousands and thousands of dollars are collected and spent each year by so-called civil rights organizations, and many people are beginning to suspect they could be a front for a full-grown racket.

The editorial below questions the tax status of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and I have requested Commissioner Caplin, of the Internal Revenue Service, to investigate this matter thoroughly and to send me a complete report.

The editorial follows:

INTEGRATION: BIG BUSINESS

This integration business headed by Martin Luther King, Jr., is costly—but profitable; and still he cries for more money.

A few days ago the agitator king reported at Atlanta on finances of his Southern Christian Leadership Conference (as he calls his bunch of rabble rousers) and showed a surplus of $88,633.36, or "net income after appropriations" for the past fiscal year.

He didn't say anything about "after taxes" and that raises a mighty interesting question.

A couple of days or so later, he said in a speech at New York (he certainly gets about) that some way of raising additional funds must be worked out. Demands for cash bonds in the South have strained the financial resources of civil rights organizations, he said.

The financial statement he released showed an amazing income of $735,534.02, which would be considered quite a staggering gross for many legitimate businesses.

And Martin Luther must be a pretty good business manager, for he had a balance of $351,992.20. From this his outfit "appropriated" $263,358.84 for a legal defense fund, leaving the $88,000 surplus.

The agitator king's major revenue came from appeal letters and money raised at rallies. It must have been mortifying for him to include in the report a puny return of only $2,712.97 from sale of his books.

But the man lives well on his $1 a year salary. Travel expenses and "direction action," both for fund-raising purposes, cost $41,977.84 for him and his gang. That's traveling in style and after all, it doesn't cost but a little bit more to go first class, especially when someone else is paying the bill.

The lawyers did all right, too. Legal aid to affiliate organizations and general aid to communities totaled $52,582.12. Martin Luther has a good thing going. Agitation and integration combine into big business.

But the tax angle on all this income is mighty interesting. There has been no explanation or discussion, so far as is known here, on this matter.

Is it possible that all of this money, bled from churches, unions, benefit performances and the public in general, is tax free? Is it regarded as church funds (for Christian Leadership) and thus untaxable?

Or did the outfit pay taxes on it? If so, the king agitator did the Government a service, the only good thing he ever did. If not, the subject seems worth discussing.

Or does this particular type of big business have some sort of special exemption?

SOME GAINS MADE TOWARD PEACE IN PURSUING EVERY AVENUE FOR PEACE

(Mr. EVINS asked and was given permission to extend his remarks in the body of the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. EVINS. Mr. Speaker, substantial progress has been made during the past year toward establishing a more peaceful world. In several areas order has been brought out of chaos. There are still major areas of tension and unrest, but certainly some progress has been made in reducing tension and in averting an all out nuclear war.

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November 5, 1963

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of the VEP grant to SCLC for the amount of $5,500 for Registration Projects in Savannah, Georgia; Albany, Georgia; Petersburg, Virginia; and Danville, Virginia. Work is underway in each of these areas and reports will be forth coming.

Albany, Georgia has asked, through Mr. Slater King, that their project be extended over a three month period using $500 per month. We felt as though this was advisable in view of the Christmas holiday coming at the end of their second month. The other communities will proceed as was originally stated.

The enclosed report to our SCLC Board was requested for your files by Jack Minnis. We will appreciate any comments or reactions to this report which you or Jack care to make.

Thanks for your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Andy

Andrew J. Young
Program Director

AJY:es

Enc:

November 11, 1963

The Rev. Andrew Young
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Andy:

I've looked over the form you sent, and have nothing to add to it. If we can secure copies of this report, along with the kind of thing of which you sent copies from your field secretaries and according to the schedule mentioned in the grant letter, we'll be more than happy research-wise.

Very truly yours,

Jack Minnis
Director of Research

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11-20-63

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6-Month Jail Term Given Negro Leaders in Carolina

WSJ 11-20-63

WILLIAMSTON, N. C., Nov. 19 (AP)—Golden A. Frinks, field secretary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was given a six-month prison term yesterday in nearby Edenton.

In November, 1962, Mr. Frinks was sentenced on a charge of delaying and obstructing a policeman. It was suspended on the condition that he pay a fine and not violate a state law for one year.

Judge Chester A. Morris revoked suspension after Mr. Frinks, a Negro, pleaded guilty to issuing a worthless check here in September and later that month was convicted of speeding in Perquimans County.

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December 6, 1963

The Rev. Andrew Young
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Andy:

Re VEP 3-26

This is to remind you that your VEP report for the month of November is now due. In our letter of November 1, we made a tentatibe grant for work in Savannah which was to be reviewed on a month-to-month basis and, therefore, we will need a full report describing activities in Savannah during the month of November, as well as information regarding Petersburg, Danville and Albany.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

Atlanta Daily World 12-15-63

Ga. Voters League Meets In Macon On January 11

Members of the Georgia Voters League will re-assemble Saturday, January 11, 1964, at 1:00 p.m. in First Baptist Church, corner of New and High Streets, Macon, Georgia, for an adjourned session of the October 26 1963, Annual Meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider constitutional amendments [illegible] prepared by a Constitution Revision Committee [illegible] Savannah, and G. V. [illegible], Atlanta [illegible] political action faculties of the League. The substance of the changes are as indicated below:

I. To expand the purpose of the organization to include registration of every eligible citizen, getting them to vote intelligently, interview, and support candidates, improve the moral-social, economic and educational status of citizens, keep daily records of public property, promote coordination of political activities of all individuals and organizations in the State of Georgia.

II. Membership will include any citizen of Georgia who is in accord with the purpose, Constitution and By Laws of the league.

III Authorize the executive committee to establish auxiliaries: A Senate — composed of co-leaders from each state senatorial district and a youth department composed of youth, not over age 21.

IV The executive committee will be expanded to State, district and auxiliary groups will have co-chief officers Democrat an Republican, including co-leaders of the Senate and of the youth department, elected by them and approved by the parent body. District chairmen will be elected in a similar manner.

Standing Committee will include: church work, business, and industry, organizations district organizing program, interview, political guidance legislative, entertainment, publicity, patronage, education, voter-registration, and finance; each composed of a chairman and two representatives from each U. S. Congressional District, chairmen will be nominated by the co-chairmen of the League, representatives by respective districts and all, as well as, their duties and responsibilities to be approved by the executive committee.

VI. Jurisdictions, organizational responsibilities and questions of representation, for all officers, auxilaries and committees are to be determined by the Executive Committee between sessions of the League and by the parent body in session, upon recommendations of the Executive Committee.

VII. A quorum for standing committees, as wel as, the Executive Committee, shall be one-third of their respective memberships, or a majority of the representation from three U. S. Congressional Districts of the State; a simple majority of those present shall prevail.

SCLC 3.24

December 18, 1963

Mr. Hosea Williams
416 West Park Avenue
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Hosea:

Just a word of appreciation for the time you gave me during my visit to Savannah this weekend. I am most appreciative of the many insights you gave me into the voter registration program, and into the organizational difficulties that you are presently experiencing in Savannah.

I think it most unfortunate that you and Westley are opposing each bther, because I remember so well how both of you worked together in years past. I do hope that something will be worked out so as to bring you and Westley, as well as the NAACP and the Crusade back together again. It has been my considered opinion that when together, the two of you make an unbeatable combination.

I trust that the transition from the old office to the new location at 458 West Broad Street will be a smooth one. Moving is never a pleasant task.

Again, it was good seeing you. Thanks for your time, and best wishes to you and yours for a happy holiday season.

Very truly yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Acting Assistant Director

VEJ,Jr:js

December 18, 1963

Mrs. Mercedes Wright
415 Rendant Avenue
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mercedes:

I am going to have to give you a portion of my pay check as my public relations representative, as a result of the very flattering, but welcomed, introduction on Sunday afternoon. I think that it was the third time now that you have introduced me, and you are getting so good that I am beginning to believe all of the nice things that you say about me. Of course, you know I have never been opposed to rumors, so if you desire to continue to spread the word, you get no complaints from me.

I am sorry I missed seeing you on Monday, but appreciate the telephone conversation wherein you expressed yourself relative to Savannah's problem with its two civil rights leaders. I think, Mercedes, that you, more than anybody else, can bring some order out of the chaos; However, I am in no position to suggest how to bring Hosea and Westley together, but they both believe in you, so I think you have to use this to get them to at least cooperate into consentrating on fighting the white folk rather than each other.

I have not forgotten your suggestion that Donald was interested in employment in Atlanta. Be assured that if I hear of anything in his field, I will scream loud and in a hurry.

Thanks again for the very fine introduction, and for your hospitality on Sunday afternoon. If you are in Atlanta, don't forget to call us or stop by.

Best wishes to you and yours for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Very truly yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Acting Assistant Director

VEJ,Jr:js

December 18, 1963

Dr. Phillip W. Cooper
1111 West Broad Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Dr. Cooper:

I am most appreciative to you for sacrificing the time that you did to afford me some insight into the leadership problems of Savannah. I hope that your patients were not too disturbed by my interruption, and if they were, I am sure you told them that it was all for the cause.

I will be interested to know the result of your committee meeting on unity and the response thereto by the two leading factions. If you have the time, I would appreciate a little note indicating what happened. As you probably know, the Voter Education Project is a research organization and as such, problems of leadership, as they effect voter registration and education, is vital information to us as we try to understand the problems.

Whatever the result of the Committee on Unity's meeting, I hope that you will continue to aid the two factions in reaching some amiable solution, for as we discussed on Monday, the people are the ones who ultimately suffer.

It was good seeing you again. My regards to your associate, Dr. Redden, and best wishes to you and yours for a happy holiday season.

Very truly yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Acting Assistant Director

VEJ,Jr:js

December 18, 1963

Mr. E. H. Gadsden
Attorney at Law
458½ West Broad Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Gene:

As always, it was good seeing you when I was in Savannah over the weekend, and I am grateful for your hospitality.

More importantly, I want to thank you for helping me to understand better the problems involved with our good friends Hosea and Westley. As I indicated to you, I am not terribly disturbed that they are divided, so long as the white community continues to accord equality of opportunity under the law to all Savannah citizens. However, I am somewhat disturbed that they choose to air their grievances with each other by picketing and verbal blasts, but then maybe the white folk in Savannah will learn that we are just like they are. We have our differences of opinion and modus operandi. I am confident that you will lend whatever support necessary to make the problems easier, if at all possible, between Hosea and Westley. I think it is hopeless, but good luck!

It was good seeing you, and when you are in Atlanta, don't forget to come by here.

Best wishes to you and yours for a happy holiday season.

Very truly yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Acting Assistant Director

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Sav. Morning News 12-27-63

Voters List Sites Requested

The Chatham County Commission has recommended two additional voter registration sites be located, "one on the east side and one on the west side."

Commission Chairman Robert F. Lovett said the decision was reached this morning at a meeting with Charles M. Debele, chairman of the Board of Registrars.

Debele indicated yesterday he would not favor the establishment of any additional registration sites because of the lack of response to three other sites recently established.

His opinion came after a request for two voter registration sites for Negroes from Hosea Williams, president of Crusade for Voters.

Lovett emphasized today the new sites will be for "all voters."

He said the commission recommended the new places be open for one day each and if it is necessary the commission will supply a worker to man the sites.

Debele said yesterday in referring to his meeting today with the commission, "It's their money. Naturally, we'll co-operate with them."

Debele said the request from Williams was one of about 15 such requests received from various sources for the establishment of voter registration offices.

The registrars began operation of offices in Thunderbolt, Garden City and at the Health Center on Intermediate Road last October for one day a week each until May 4. A 1963 legislative act requires more than one registration office in a county having a population of more than 100,000.

The Commissioners approved the appropriations of funds to pay half the cost of the remodeling of a section of the Gamble Building to house the city-county data processing center. The low bid of $17,130 was received from Brittain Construction Co.

In other actions, the Commissioners:

—Dismissed J. F. Brantley as police private, effective Dec. 23.

—Promoted C. L. Diffenderfer from police private to detective, effective Jan. 1.

—Promoted Cpl. James Stevens from corporal to sergeant, effective Jan. 1.

—Renewed several malt and alcoholic beverage licenses.

—Accepted the resignations of Grady and Maggie H. Wilbon as cottage parents under the Juvenile Domestic Relations Court, effective Dec. 20, and appointed Elva and Fayette Teal as cottage parents effective Dec. 21, to fill the vacancies.

—Named James C. McClanahan as tag clerk on a seasonable basis, effective Dec. 26, to replace James Stanley who underwent surgery.

—Accepted the resignation of Glenda J. Gardner, clerk-steno II, in Civil Service, effective Jan. 15, and appointed Dorothy J. Perks, Clerk Steno II, effective Dec. 26.

Williams Makes Request

Sav. Morning News 12-[illegible]-63

Negroes Seek Voter Registration Sites

Board of Registrars Chairman Charles M. Debele said yesterday that Crusade for Voters President Hosea Williams has requested two voter registration sites for Negroes.

Debele declined to supply details of the request but said the matter will be discussed today with the county commissioners.

Debele indicated that he would not favor the establishment of any additional registration sites because of the lack of response to three other sites recently established.

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gistrars began opera- gistration offices in Thunderbolt, Garden City and at the Health Center on Intermediate road last October, scheduling one day a week for each of the three to be open until May 4.

Williams, who has spearheaded one faction of Negroes in integration efforts here, could not be reached for comment. A spokesman at the Crusade For Voters office said he could not comment on the request.

Referring to the county commissioners, Debele said, "It's their money. Naturally, we'll co-operate with them."

Debele said the request from Williams was one of about 15 such requests received from various sources for the establishment of voter registration offices.

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CHATHAM COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS
416 WEST PARK AVENUE
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

DECEMBER 27, 1963

DEAR FRIEND,

I CALL YOU FRIEND BECAUSE WE ARE FRIENDS.

YOU ARE AMONG 60 VERY INFLUENTIAL CITIZENS WHOM WE ARE ASKING TO ATTEND A MEETING MONDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 30, 1963, 7:00 P.M. IN THE FAMOUS CAMILLA ROOM OF THE HOTEL MANGER, 36 BULL STREET. DR. ALLAN V. WEXLER, LOCAL OPTOMETRIST AND WELL KNOWN CIVIC LEADER, WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER.

THIS MEETING IS BEING CALLED TO CONSTITUTE A GUIDANCE GROUP IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESENT DRIVE TO ADD 6,000 ADDITIONAL NEGROES TO THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION LIST. ATTENDING THIS MEETING WILL IN NO WAY COMMIT YOU TO FURTHER INVOLVE YOURSELF THROUGH YOUR CHURCH, ORGANIZATION OR SCHOOL, IF IT IS NOT YOUR DESIRE.

YOU KNOW OF THE REGISTRATION OFFICES BEING ESTABLISHED IN THE NEGRO COMMUNITY. OTHER VITAL INFORMATION WILL BE DIVULGED AND YOUR ASSISTANCE IN PROGRAMMING WILL BE REQUESTED. GOOD CITIZENSHIP IS ALL OF OUR BUSINESS AND IN NO WAY WILL THERE BE ANYTHING LESS THAN PRAISE FROM THE POWER STRUCTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR THOSE PROMOTING GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

PLEASE PRESENT THIS LETTER AT THE MEETING IN ORDER THAT YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPENSES WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE CRUSADE FOR VOTERS. EXTRA GUESTS MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR EXPENSES.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE CONFIRMED <u>BEFORE 2:00 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 BY</u> CALLING ADAMS 6-5727.

IN GOD WE TRUST!

Hosea L. Williams

HOSEA L. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT

P. S. <u>THIS LETTER IS NOT TRANSFERABLE</u>.

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ADAMS 6-5727

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CHATHAM COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS
458½ WEST BROAD STREET
SAVANNAH, GA. 31401

DECEMBER 27, 1963

MR. VERNON E. JORDAN, JR.,
ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
VEP, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
ROOM 206 - 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

DEAR VERNON;

PLEASE ALLOW ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR THE TIME THAT YOU SPENT WITH ME (AND FOR THE BREAKFAST) WHILE BEING IN SAVANNAH. I HOPE THAT OUR MEETING WAS FRUITFUL. BY THAT, I MEAN I HOPE THAT YOU WERE INFORMED TO THE POINT WHERE YOU HAVE A BETTER INSIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL DIFFICULTIES WE ARE EXPERIENCING.

I DO APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE WRITING TO ME AFTER YOU RETURNED TO YOUR OFFICE. YOUR LETTER EXPRESSES SYMPATHY FOR THE DIFFICULTIES NEGROES IN SAVANNAH ARE UNDERGOING AT THIS TIME. YOU STATED IT WAS VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT WESLEY AND I ARE OPPOSING EACH OTHER. I AM NOT OPPOSING WESLEY NOW AND I NEVER HAVE. I HAVE HAD A JOB TO DO AND I HAVE DONE IT TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY. I SEE NO REASON WHATSOEVER WHY WESLEY SHOULD OPPOSE ANY ORGANIZATION THAT IS TRULY AND HONESTLY FIGHTING SEGREGATION. I FEEL THERE IS ENOUGH SEGREGATION FOR EVERYONE TO FIGHT, AND THERE WOULD STILL BE SEGREGATION UNTOUCHED. I ALWAYS ENCOURAGED MY PEOPLE, OR RATHER THE PEOPLE THAT SUPPORT THE CRUSADE FOR VOTERS, TO RESPECT THE PROGRAM OF THE NAACP. ANY PROGRAM THAT THE NAACP UNDERTAKE, I ALWAYS ASSIST THEM THE BEST WAY I CAN. IF I AM IN NO POSITION TO ASSIST THEM WITH THEIR PROGRAM, I HAVE TRIED TO GEAR THE CRUSADE FOR VOTER'S PROGRAM TO ATTACK OTHER PHASES OF SEGREGATION THAT WOULD EASE THE BURDEN OF THE NAACP FIGHT. NO ONE OF US HAS A LIEN ON THIS STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN DIGNITY.

NO ONE IS ANY MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONDITION IN SAVANNAH AS I. I KNOW THAT TOGETHER WE CAN ONLY BE VICTORIOUS. I ALSO KNOW THAT NO COMMUNITY IN AMERICA IS BLESSED WITH A BETTER PAIR THAN HOSEA AND W. W. BUT, WHAT CAN I DO? I HAVE MADE EVERY PROPOSAL, CALLED MEETINGS, EXEMPLIFIED THE STRENGTH OF THE CCCV, PROVEN VICTORIOUS, AND TALKED TO WESLEY PERSONALLY. BUT, HE SEEMS TO FEEL THAT THE NEGRO PEOPLE ARE BETTER OFF IF WE REMAIN AS IS.

ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND AN ARTICLE FROM THE SAVANNAH MORNING NEWS AND THE EVENING PRESS. THE NEWSPAPER, AND OTHER NEWS MEDIA, ARE TRYING TO MAKE A RACIAL MATTER OUT OF THIS SITUATION. WE HAVE REFUSED TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT. ALTHOUGH, WE HAVE USED AN EXTREME AMOUNT OF POLITICAL PRESSURE TO GET THESE REGISTRATION OFFICES LOCATED IN NEGRO NEIGHBORHOODS, IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW WE WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM.

ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND A LETTER, OR AN INVITATION, THAT I SENT TO 125 CITIZENS. I AM ONLY EXPECTING ABOUT 75 TO ATTEND THE MEETING. THESE PEOPLE WILL COMPOSE THE STEERING COMMITTEE (ALREADY STARTED). THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE TO STEER THE PRESENT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE. INCLUDED IN THIS GROUP ARE: TEACHERS, DOCTORS, LAWYERS, BUSINESSMEN, PRESIDENTS OF ORGANIZATIONS, MINISTERS AND OTHER HARDWORKING CITIZENS. I INVITED SEVERAL OF THE NAACP BOARD EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.

PLEASE ALLOW MR. BRANTON TO SEE THIS INFORMATION. I AM GOING TO SHOOT FOR THE 6,000, AND I DON'T FAIL OFTEN.

IN GOD WE TRUST!

Hosea L. Williams

HOSEA L. WILLIAMS

ENCLOSRS

CC: REV. ANDREW J. YOUNG

Program Division

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Martin Luther King, Jr., *President*

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January 9, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Wiley:

We are attempting to fill the vacuum of audio-visual materials in Voter Registration by doing a film to motivate and inform Negroes on the potential of the ballot as a source of Freedom. The United Church of Christ has given most of the funds for this and their producer has already begun work on the film.

Would it be possible for VEP to become one of the sponsors of this film. We would hope that you might make available about $5,000.00 toward this effort.

Bob Newman, the producer, has just completed a film on the Inner City which won awards at both the Edinburgh, Scotland and San Francisco film festivals. He should do a good job of the production.

Originally I had hoped that the churches could raise the entire amount of money needed for the film, but their funds are being depleted rapidly. It would also aid in the distribution and use of the film for VEP to be one of it's sponsors.

So far the only other agencies contacted about sponsorship are ADL and the United Presbyterian Church. If VEP could contribute the additional funds needed from the South, it would be a great help.

Sincerely,

Andy

TRUMAN B. DOUGLASS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
HOWARD E. SPRAGG TREASURER

ROBERT NEWMAN, CONSULTANT

287 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR HOMELAND MINISTRIES

January 6, 1964

VOTER REGISTRATION FIIM (as yet untitled)

USE: primarily in conjunction with voter registration campaigns in the South.

INTENTION: to encourage the audience to obtain and use the franchise in furthering the struggle for the whole range of political, social and moral goals.

BACKGROUND: The South is far from monolithic in patterns of voter registration. In some hard-core areas (Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and sections of other states) the Negro seeking to register and/or vote meets varying patterns of resistance. There are areas where the test is improperly given or unfairly marked, areas where he may lose his job and his credit, areas where he may suffer physically. In any given local situation, one, several or all of these elements may occur to discourage him from voting.

There is a broader area of the South where these restraints, while not totally absent, are not general (Florida, Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas). Yet even in the most liberated of these areas, there are restraints --imposed for the most part by patterns developed over the course of long history. Chief among these is the low level of aspiration which makes it impossible for the Negro really to believe that the good life can happen to him. A group of young, militant voter registration workers from Georgia recently interviewed --many of whom had spent time in jail for their trouble-- when asked what "Freedom Now" ultimately meant for them, replied over and over again "integrated movies and restaurants." The larger consequences of full citizenship might be imagined, but there was no way of separating real equality from fantasy.

In Macon, Georgia, a city which has made rapid strides in the past few years, 50% of the Negro schoolteachers are unregistered. While there is yet feeling on the part of many Negroes in the South that "voting is white man's business," these schoolteachers are not registered for other reasons. Their probable fear is "upsetting the apple cart." Things have never been better for them, and they are hesitant about any activity involving risk,

although our interviews in that city revealed their particular fears to have little basis in fact. The fear of progress and change, whether or not based in fact, is said to be reason for caution on the part of many in status occupations --teachers, dentists, doctors, undertakers, ministers and other professionals.

The courthouse itself, where registration takes place, may be a deterrent. For most of the disenfranchised and poor, it is a place best kept from, a place associated only with trouble.

THE FILM WILL: 1) insofar as possible, be a "non-institutional" document, with its perspectives and narration from the audience's point-of-view.

2) use visual, direct and simple language.

3) dramatize changed conditions in sample communities after effective registration campaigns (housing, attitude of public officials, roads, public facilities, employment opportunities, transportation, education, etc.)

4) seek to raise the level of aspiration of the audience.

Production is planned, beginning in February 1964, to be completed by summer. We have tentatively selected the First Congressional District of Georgia (Savannah and surrounding counties) because of the many contrasts afforded in a relatively small area, with both urban and rural settings, militancy and apathy. This district also contains one of the only counties in the South (Liberty County) where, since 1945, there have been more Negro registered voters than white. Liberty County, interestingly, continues to be segregated.

In the course of our Research for this film, we interviewed several local civil-rights leaders who said something of this sort:

"You hear a lot of talk about good politicians and bad politicians --as if the answer were only to turn the bad ones out and put the good ones in. Well, there are almost no good politicians and bad politicians; there are just politicians."

"And when we have enough power, they're all going to be our friends."

BUDGET:	United Church Board for Homeland Ministries	$10,000
	Committee for Racial Justice Now	10,000
	* To be raised in the South	10,000
		$30,000

SCLC plans to contribute $5,000 of this.

REGISTRATION RALLY

Sponsored by

THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1964

12:00 P. M.

Third Kiokee Baptist Church

521 Carver Avenue

ALBANY, GEORGIA

SNCC 3,76

PROGRAM

REV. E. L. BATTLE, Master of Ceremony

1. Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. J. J. Johnson
2. Song-"Lift Every Voice" ..... Audience
3. Occassion ..... Miss P. Chatmon
4. Song ..... Choir
5. Miss Freedom Speakers
6. Song ..... Choir
7. Collection
8. Solo ..... Miss Rutha Harris
9. Introduction of Speaker .. Mr. Thomas Chatmon
10. Speaker ..... Rev. James Bevel
11. Crowning of Queens ..... Rev. Bevel
12. Remarks ..... Mr. Slater King
13. Announcements
14. Benediction

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We Shall Overcome!

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Your one vote means everything to the cause of

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Call 6-5184 For Information and Transportation.

Thanks to everyone who have helped to make this event a success.

Chairman, Thomas Chatmon

Director, Willie Bolden

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Tues. Mon. 9:00 AM. 6 people stand out side

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DOC MILLER SERVICE STATION
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EDWARDS BARBER SHOP
THORNTON'S BARBER & BEAUTY SHOP
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HARLEM CUT-RATE DRUGS
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January 11, 1964

The Rev. Andrew Young
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Andy:

Thank you for your letter and reports of January 9. We note that your Savannah project was, for the most part, delayed until January. It is extremely important that you rush us a full report at the end of the month on your Savannah program so that we can review what you have done there and reach a decision immediately regarding any continuation of that program.

I note also that you "found it necessary to make $1000.00 available for poll tax to persons who were unemployed" and you stated that you used SCLC funds to some extent. I interpret this to mean that you used SCLC money exclusively in the payment of poll taxes as VEP money cannot be used for the payment of poll taxes, not even in the form of loans. If I am not correct in assuming that you did not use VEP money for poll taxes by all means bring this to my attention immediately.

You are authorized to transfer any portion of the remainder of the Danville grant to Petersburg at your discretion.

We made a grant to a coordinated budget for work in Texas through Voters of Texas Enlist and I am certain that they will be working in both Beaumont and Tyler. I talked with W.C. Patton by phone the other day and NAACP is working in

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Tyler and East Texas. Even though your Columbus project is not under VEP I would appreciate it if you could send me a copy of Vernon Mitchell's report.

I would like to talk with you about the proposed film on voter registration and I agree that it is something which is needed immediately. I would like to know something more about the actual content of the material which will go into the film. The big didficulty is the fact that it will not be completed until summer and this might make it too late to help with this year's registration. Please phone me at your convenience so that we can discuss the film.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

Program Division

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Martin Luther King, Jr., President

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January 9, 1964

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J. H. Calhoun
Hosea Williams

LOUISIANA
Daniel Harrell
Elizabeth Hayes
Major Johns
Lavert Taylor

Not VEP money?

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Enclosed find our progress reports for December. Things are moving along rather slowly, but then, so is the expenditure of funds. We will give a detailed account of these in next months report. Due to Edwina's illiness we are not quite able to function in the financial accounting and rather than let someone else confuse things, I think Edwina arranged with Jean Levine to report when she is released from the hospital.

Savannah has only spent about $500.00 of their grant and should be able to run through January on the initial grant of $1500.00. At that time, you can evaluate the project and reach a decision about further funds.

Albany is spending money on materials and supplies, but they should be able to pro rate the rest of the grant and complete the project.

We have drawn the Danville project to a close without spending very much of the money. Most of the work was done by our staff, and we were involved in paying of poll tax etc. so we used SCLC funds largely. We found it necessary to make $1000.00 available for poll tax to persons who were unemployed. In addition to this the DCPA (Danville Christian Progressive Association) raised funds for poll tax. Prehaps we might transfer the remainder of the funds to our work in

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Petersburg.

Registration is very slow and tedious in Virginia. They seem to be maintaining the poll tax for state elections, so it won't get any easier.

This is about all at present. I will keep in touch with you on some of our other work.

We have sent a team over to Beaumont Texas; and another fellow up to Tyler to aid in the drive there. This is the last month for registration and payment of poll tax.

I still have a problem with Columbus, Ga. Vernon Mitchell has sent in a report on almost 3,000 persons registered and vouchers amounting to $500.00. It is hard to tell who is doing the work down there.

I'll be glad to give you any additional information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

Andy

Andrew J. Young

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January 29, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Wiley:

This is to confirm that the $1,000.00 paid in poll tax, was paid from S.C.L.C. general funds, and that no V.E.P. funds were used for this purpose. We will have reports of our January work on your desk by February 10th.

Sincerely yours,

Andy

Andrew J. Young

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February 17, 1964

The Rev. Andrew Young
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Andy:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of February 11, when I told you that VEP has agreed to continue the Savannah program for another month. We are enclosing herein our check in the amount of $1500 representing payment in full of the installment due for the month of February. We wish here to reconfirm our policy regarding Savannah by insisting that we review the Savannah report each month. The delay in approving the program for another month this time was due solely to the fact that your report to us was not received in our office until February 10 and even then it was mixed in with an accumulation of financial reports.

I talked with Barbara Whitaked last Thursday about the Savannah report and we are in agreement that while there were impressive figures for registration it gives us very little in the way of research data. As I recall, you told me that Dr. King went down to speak to kick off the program in January and you attributed a great deal of the success to this mass meeting. Information such as this should have been reflected in the monthly report but there is absolutely no mention of it. Mrs. Whitaker will be writing separately to you and Hosea Williams to outline some of the information which we need.

Let me remind you that we have not received a report on Albany.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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February 18, 1964

Mrs. Edwina Smith
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Edwina:

I just finished auditing the recent financial reporting you brought over and I was absolutely compelled to write a short note complimenting you on its orderliness and comprehensiveness. When I think of the handicaps under which you have been working recently I am amazed.

Are you as delighted as I that we finally have this system licked?

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

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February 27, 1964

The Rev. Andrew Young
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Andy:

Following the conference which I had with you and Edwina Smith here in the VEP office on February 14, I conferred at length with Barbara Whitaker and Randolph Blackwell of this staff concerning the requests which you made of VEP on behalf of SCLC. We agreed to invite your Congressional District leaders and the leadership of the Georgia Statewide Registration Committee to meet with us here in Atlanta before reaching any final decision regarding support of the Citizenship Clinics. We were happy to have had this meeting with you and the others on February 24. Our position on the five items discussed on February 14, is as follows:

1. Extension of drive in Albany.
The January report for Albany just arrived on February 25, together with the February report which purports to be for the period ending February 29, although that is yet three days away. We feel that we have expended more than a fair share of money for a city the size of Albany and the results obtained do not justify consideration for a supplemental grant at this time.

2. Film on Voter Registration.
We still would like to talk with someone who can tell us exactly what is going into this film. Randolph Blackwell and I feel that we can contribute some valuable suggestions to the make-up of such a film. If it is too late for our

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suggestions to be received then we would like to see an advance screening as soon as possible. We are concerned about the possible late release date of the film for effective use in the registration program during the remainder of the life of VEP. It is my understanding that we will have an opportunity to view the film at an early date and will consider financial support for the distribution of the film to other organizations.

3. Columbus, Georgia.
Please send us copies of all reports which you have received from Vernon Mitchell or others regarding voter registration programs in Columbus during the preceding 12 months so that we can evaluate their program. If you will send us whatever copies you have we will return them to you after we have examined them.

4. Atlanta, Georgia.
You stated that the Summit Leadership Conference has requested SCLC to carry on a dramatic attempt to increase voters in Atlanta. We would have to know in detail just what kind of program you plan to conduct, how it would be coordinated with the All Citizens Registration Committee and the amount of money proposed in the Budget for such activity before we could intelligently consider this request.

5. Support for District Citizenship Clinics.
On February 24, we discussed, with the leadership of the Georgia Statewide Registration Committee, the matter of the District Citizenship Clinics. We have agreed to support eight District Citizenship Clinics at an average cost of $300 each, with an additional allowance of $200 (average) for travel expenses for each of the eight district chairmen in the Congressional Districts where the clinics are held. We are not giving any financial support to Citizenship Clinics, or travel expenses, for the new 4th and 5th Congressional Districts because of our rather heavy programs in DeKalb and Fulton counties.

In accordance with our conference agreement of the 24th, the VEP staff wants to discuss the plans for any district

meeting prior to the time that the meeting is held. We are assigning this responsibility to Mrs. Barbara Whitaker insofar as VEP is concerned, and Mr. Joh n Calhoun and/or the district chairman should check with Mrs. Whitaker regarding the plans for any District Citizenship Clinic not later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding any scheduled Saturday Clinic, and not later than five days prior to any clinic which will be held on any day other than a Saturday.

Although the average cost for a clinic and follow-up travel expenses for the district chairmen is approximately $500 we realize that the cost will not always be the same in each district and you are at liberty to use any funds not needed in one district to support your program in another district.

We will require a written report describing the activities of the Citizenship Clinics within one week after the clinic shall have been held. We will also require a progress report from the district chairmen on a monthly basis 30 days and 60 days following the district meeting, or at least once each month under any other circumstances. This report should tell us something of the registration results in each county within the respective districts during the preceding month, including figures from areas where a direct grant from VEP may have been made. It should be understood that this is a tentative grant conditioned upon full and satisfactory performance in accordance with the conditions stated herein and general VEP restrictions with which you are well acquainted.

We are enclosing our initial check in the amount of $500 as an advance for the February 29 district meeting in Columbus (including an advance for travel for the district chairman) and we will remit to you additional checks in the amount of $500 each upon receipt of the reports from each Citizenship Clinic within one week after the clinic shall have been held. If you have any questions concerning this matter please feel free to consult with us.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
cc: Mr. John Calhoun

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Non-Voter - 2

1 Report

Report to Cole from V. Mitchell
Referred for Correction

Applicant did some fine work

1 for McCoy for 8 days

WB

February 28, 1964

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Wiley A. Branton (Savannah, Georgia-Adams 6-5727)

From: Barbara I. Whitaker

Re: Telephone Conversation with Hosea Williams

On February 26, 1964, Hosea Williams called WAB from Savannah. In lieu of WAB's absence from the office, I talked with him. He indicated that the Registrar was rejecting an average of 20-25 Negroes who sought to register. Hosea had mentioned earlier when he was in the office (Monday, February 24), that whenever the line became long at the Registrar's desk, the rejections would begin. He stated that the applicants were presented with the most difficult cards and that many of the rejectees were known high school graduates.

Hosea indicated there were six full-time workers carrying individuals to the courthouse and 16 persons had been rejected in a three-day period according to one worker's report.

Hosea doubted that very much could be done because the Savannah political community was rather unsettled due to the February 14 firing of the police chief. He expressed great discouragement and wanted to know if we had any suggestions. At the same time, he stated he felt a demonstration around the courthouse was the only recourse at this point. I cautioned him against taking this step and asked if he had complained to the Justice Department. He had not. I suggested that we would contact WAB and call him back.

Later, I talked with Hosea again and asked if he had attempted to talk to the Registrar. He indicated that he could not get an audience with the Registrar. I indicated that WAB had suggested that he: 1) Contact the Registrar; 2) Inform the Justice Department and let their office investigate. He said that suggestion 1) had been tried and he would contact the Justice Department the following day. I asked him to keep us informed.

I saw Andy Young at a meeting and he indicated Hosea had also contacted him. His suggestion to Hosea was to send a "carefully worded" telegram to the County Registrar with copies to VEP and SCLC. To date, we have received no copy.

BIW

BIW:js

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MEMORANDUM March 3, 1964

TO: BW
JL

FROM: WAB

We made a tentative grant last week to SCLC to support eight Congressional District Citizenship Clinics under the Georgia Statewide Registration Committee. We are requiring that SCLC check with Barbara Whitaker each week in advance of a clinic.

I am requesting that Barbara decide each week on the cooperation and performance of SCLC with regard to their right to receive continued support for these clinics. If they are she should inform Jean that it is o.k. to pay another installment provided further that Jean is satisfied that their financial reporting is in order.

WAB:jl

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March 19, 1964

Mr. Hosea Williams
458½ West Broad Street
Savannah, Georgia

RE: VEP 3-26

Dear Hosea:

Thank you for the very informative report regarding the Chatham County registration effort which arrived in our office on March 14. I think that you and your co-workers are to be commended for the successful efforts in getting persons registered to vote in your county.

In reviewing the problems faced as set out in your attachment No. 3, I note that you feel that your efforts are being handicapped because of the fact that you are required to submit vouchers in support of all bills. We know of no situation which would justify any departure from the well established business procedure of requiring vouchers in support of the payment of bills, and we therefore must insist that this procedure be followed with every project using VEP funds.

With reference to the problem of alleged discrimination at the registrar's office, I must admit that we are impressed over the willingness of the county attorney to privately represent any person who feels that he has been discriminated against. I think I should caution you that unless you have every reason to believe that the county attorney will faithfully represent any such person and will vigorously pursue any litigation which he starts, then it would be much better that he not get into the picture at all. My reason for saying this is that an attorney for a party has a great deal of control over the development of any litigation, and the parties are bound by any degree.

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I certainly hope that you will not involve the registration program in demonstrations and very frankly, where you are getting as many people registered each month as you are, it would appear to me that you might do damage to the successful phase of your program by engaging in demonstrations. Demonstrations have a way of getting out of hand, and I feel compelled to caution you that unfavorable publicity growing out of demonstrations could force us to again suspend financial support of your registration efforts.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

cc: The Rev. Andrew Young

March 21, 1964

The Rev. Andrew Young
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Andy:

RE VEP 3-26

Because of the apparently good performance of the voter registration program in Chatham County we have decided to continue the program for another month and we are enclosing our check in the amount of $1500.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc. 1
cc: Mr. Hosea Williams

$1500.00

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Savannah installment

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XXXXX Hosea Williams

Administrative Secretary

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Program Division

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Martin Luther King, Jr., *President*

March 19, 1964 MAR 20 1964

Mrs. Jean Levine
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Jean:

Here are the checks on the VEP Citizenship project for this week. Please note that check number 367 is missing because that is the check made out to the Albany Movement inthe amount of $262.9. Remember that we transferred the money from Danville which was $262.91 and placed it in the Albany account.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

E. Smith

Edwina Smith

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March 31, 1964

Miss Edwina Smith
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Edwina:

The enclosed check for $500.00 represents the third installment toward VEP support of the Citizenship Clinics.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

enc. 1

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Citizenship Clinics

April 14, 1964

The Rev. Andrew Young
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Andy:

The enclosed check in the amount of $1500 represents the fourth and final installment toward SCLC's Savannah project.

Mrs. Whitaker informs me that things are "going at a pretty good clip" in the Savannah project and that she is anticipating final reporting on it by mid-May.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc. 1

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Citizenship Clinics In Ga. Continue

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Plagued by week-end rains practically every Saturday since February 29, the series of U. S. Congressional District Citizenship Clinics in Georgia have had attendance from 37 counties to date. Saturday, April 4, in Savannah, the Southeast Crusade for Voters, headed by Hosea Williams, brought the largest attendance to nearly 200 from 11 counties.

Directed by the Statewide Registration Committee of which J. H. Calhoun, Atlanta, is Chairman, the clinics are sponored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, with Rev. Andrew H. Young, as director of citizenship training and voter registration. They are supported by the Voter - Education Project, Wiley Branton, Director and Mrs. Barbara Whitaker, field secretary, who has attended most of the sessions.

Mr. Calhoun has been assisted by Rev. Fred C. Bennette, field secretary, Mrs. Juanita Harrell, registrar and Rev. Daniel Harrell, field worker, all of the S. C. L. C. Staff. The following schedule has been followed: February 29, 3rd District, Masonic Temple, Columbus; March 7, 6th District, Mt. Zion Baptist Church Griffin; March 14, 10th District, Springfield Baptist Church, Greensboro; March 21, 8th District, Mt. Zion AME Church, Waycross; March 28, 2nd District, Grant Chapel AME Church, Moultrie; April 4, 1st District, Butler Presbyterian Church, Savannah and April 11, 7th District, Marietta Street Methodist Church, Cedartown. Clinics are still to be held for the 4th, 5th and 9th Districts, with the semi - annual meeting scheduled for the 1st Baptist Church in Macon on April 25.

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STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

243 Auburn Avenue, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia

April 14, 1964

Dear Fellow-Citizen:

We are ready now to evaluate what has been done in voter-registration this year and to concentrate on a "crash" program the last week before the books close on May 2. In the meantime, formal announcement is to be made of the John Wesley Dobbs awards for achievements by individuals and counties in voter-registration, especially emphasizing that final week.

For this purpose there will be a special Statewide Citizenship Clinic for all counties in the state, Saturday, April 25, beginning at 9:00 A. M. in the First Baptist Church, corner of New and High Streets, Macon, Georgia. This will also be the semi-annual meeting of the Committee and the featured speaker will be Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr., Atlanta Life Insurance Company Actuary and Chairman of the All-Citizens Registration Committee in Atlanta.

Each county delegation will be asked to make a report on the type of registration activity that is being conducted, the number of workers involved, the organizations working for voter-registration and the estimated number of persons registered to date, this year. Officers for the 4th, 5th and 9th Congressional Districts will be named by those who attend from these sections.

Travel expenses at 5¢ per mile, per car, round trip, will be paid for those delegations which include youth and dinner will be served to them free.

Sincerely yours,

J H Calhoun

J. H. Calhoun, Chairman
STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
GA. DIRECTOR, VOTER REGISTRATION, SCLC

(Rev.) Fred C. Bennette
Field Secretary

TO: THE STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
243 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA, GA., 30303

_____ Adults and _____ youth will attend the semi-annual meeting and Citizenship Clinic in Macon on April 25, 1964.

SIGNED _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

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GEORGIA VOTERS LEAGUE

243 Auburn Avenue, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia

April 15, 1964

Dear Fellow-Citizen:

The Georgia Voters League will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting, Saturday, April 25 at 1:00 P. M. in the First Baptist Church, corner of High and New Streets, Macon, Ga. This meeting will follow the Citizenship Clinic and Semi-Annual Meeting of the Statewide Registration Committee, which begins at 9:00 A. M. in the same place.

Business to be considered by delegates from counties all over the state are:

1. Election of chairmen and and unfilled vacancies for 14 committees: Church Work, Business and Industry, Organization, District Organizing, Program, Interview, Political Guidance, Legislation, Entertainment, Publicity, Patronage, Education, Voter-Registration and Finance

2. Election of a State Senate, one representative from each State Senatorial District and two Senate Co-Leaders.

3. Planning strategy for certain U. S. Congressional and state legislative campaigns.

4. Selection of district officers by representatives from the 4th, 5th and 9th U. S. Congressional Districts.

It is hoped that you will arrange to attend this important meeting and that the delegation from your county will include youth, who need to receive this political eduction.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Calhoun

J. H. Calhoun, Co-Chairman

Wm. P. Randall

Wm. P. Randall, Co-Chairman
GEORGIA VOTERS LEAGUE

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334 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Telephone 524-1378

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Martin Luther King Jr., *President* Ralph Abernathy, *Treasurer* Wyatt Tee Walker, *Executive Assistant*

WBT
BW

April 23, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

Savannah's program through the Chatham County Crusade for Voters received permission from the Board of Registrars' to have a mass registration program on last Sunday, April 19th. As a direct result of the Sunday program they were able to register 1782 Negroes. This has produced a tremendous psychological affect on the overall drive.

The Board of Registrars' have decided to allow a follow-up on this program to be held on Saturday, May 2nd. They originally agreed to Sunday April 26th then somehow they changed the date to Saturday May 2nd.

This kind of mass program had not been anticipated by Hosea or us when we made the budget for the overall program which means they have incurred some additional expenses. The cost of the Sunday program was approximately $738.87 (see attached sheet). Because of the $738.87 used to register some 1782 Negroes on Sunday April 19, Savannah will not be able to continue their present voter registration thrust with the same momentum to the dead line of May 5th, unless they are able to secure additional funds. They are also looking forward to the make-up or additional Saturday on May 2.

We feel that much of the material and equiptment purchased for last Sunday can be utilized for the Saturday program, but they will still need about $500 more to fully participate in the May 2nd drive.

We would appreciate VEP granting additional funds to replace those used in these two special projects, so that we might continue our normal day-to-day efforts at the court house registration. I think the results achieved merit this special consideration.

Please accept this as a formal request for additional funds in the amount of $1,000. Your immediate consideration of this matter will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Andy

Andrew J. Young
Program Director

AJY/es

enc:

Discussed with BW on 4/23
ok
Approved for 1,000 on 4/23
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EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE
APRIL 19th DRIVE

112 gallons of gas	$37.82
William Plesant (42 signs)	42.00
Charnerviz Pringing (5000 leaflets)	252.00
Man's T.V. (Auto speaker system)	211.15
WSOK (Program Announcements)	324.00
Wilson Hubert (Photographs)	22.00
Oliver's Garage for Ballot Bus	49.90
	$738.87

April 24, 1964

Rev. Andrew J. Young
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Andy:

RE Savannah, Georgia Project

This will acknowledge your letter of April 23 in which you request an additional fund in the amount of $1,000 for the Savannah, Georgia Voter Registration Project. We have approved this request in full and I enclose herein our VEP check of $1,000.

We continue to be concerned about the amount of time which Hosea Williams is devoting to voter registration in Savannah as we continue to read news accounts of his activities in St. Augustine.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton
Director

WAB:bs

cc Mr. Hosea Williams

Enc. Check of $1,000

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May 5, 1964

The Rev. Andrew Young
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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Dear Andy:

VEP agreed on February 27 to support eight district citizenship clinics, under the Georgia Statewide Registration Committee, working in cooperation with SCLC. We have previously sent you money for the seven district committees which were held and it is my understanding that the eighth clinic never materialized.

Even though we had not agreed to pay for expenses incurred at the semi-annual meeting of the Statewide Registration Committee which was held recently in Macon, we nevertheless have decided to send you the remaining $500 which you may use in connection with the expenses of the statewide meeting in lieu of the district meeting which was not held.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $500
cc: Mr. John Calhoun

May 11, 1964

Mr. W. C. Patton
234 Hernando Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Patton:

I have just seen the enclosed article which appeared in the Atlanta Daily World on May 10, regarding the Savannah registration drive.

This is one of the cities where VEP has been critical of the fact that you have set up a separate registration drive where there was an ongoing VEP program. I think you should know that most of the success of the one-day drive was not the result of the NAACP program, but resulted from a massive campaign under the sponsorship of the Southeastern Georgia Crusade for Voters where VEP made a heavy financial commitment. Our Research Assistant was on the scene in Savannah on the actual day of registration, and while NAACP members certainly contributed to the registration program, I must tell you that the article which was attributed to you is highly misleading in implying that this whole program was under the direction of Mrs. Mercedes Wright.

NAACP is doing an excellent job in voter registration throughout the South, and there simply is no need for you to pirate the success of non-NAACP projects when you have so many legitimate successes to publicize.

In view of the fact that you seem to be conducting this program in Savannah, I will appreciate knowing what plans you have for additional registration programs in that city for the remainder

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of this year so that we might evaluate the VEP program there and elsewhere.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: 1
cc: Mr. John Morsell

PS The work in Savannah was really under the Chatham County affiliate of the Southeastern Georgia Crusade for Voters, working in coopenating with SCLC.

243 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia
June 6, 1964

WB ✓
RJB ✓
BW ✓

JUN 8 - 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Pursuant to the several telephone conversations, conferences and exchanges of material, I am enclosing herewith an estimate of the cost of the workshop which is scheduled to be held at the Waluhaje Apartments, June 12-14, 1964 and a suggested agenda:

I Place - Waluhaje Apartments, 239 West Lake Avenue, N. W., Atlanta

A. Waluhaje Ballroom for sessions.	$ 50.00
B. Waluhaje Dining Room for Meals.	

II Lodging

A. Waluhaje Apartments

1. Rates - $5.00 per night per person
2. Facilities - Tentative - 2 nights

a. 13 double rooms	26 persons		
b. 4 Large Triple rooms	12 "		
c. 3 Suites (Possible)	12 "		
d. 4 Single Rooms	4 "	Total 54 Persons	
3. Estimated Cost			540.00

B. Morris Brown College - Quadrangle

1. Rates - $3.50 per night per person
2. 25 double rooms - 50 Persons
3. Estimated cost 350.00

III Meals - Waluhaje Dining Room

A. 2 Breakfasts - Saturday and Sunday	@ $1.03	$206.00	
B. 1 Coffe Break - Saturday	.30	30.00	
C. 1 Luncheon - Saturday	.85	85.00	
D. 2 Dinners - Friday	2.50	250.00	
Saturday	2.00	200.00	
		$771.00	
E. Tax and Service		100.23	871.23
			$1,811.23

As you will recall, the estimated budget on this phase of the Political Education program was $2,000.00. Your attention is also invited to the fact that we propose to use paid, instead of volunteer supervisors or co-ordinators.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. CALHOUN, Chairman
Statewide Registration Committee
Ga. Director, Voter-Registration, SCLC

Cc Messrs. Young, Blackwell, Mrs. Whitaker

[illegible] INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE - SCLC
SUGGESTED AGENDA - WORKSHOP ON POLITICAL EDUCATION
WALUHAJE RANCH - JUNE 12-14, 1964

Friday - June 12 - Waluhaje Ballroom - Registration

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM Setting the Stage - Program, scope, Organization scope; introduction of staff.

4:15 PM - 6:00 PM Film: "Right Now," if available, with appropriate introductory remarks and discussion period.

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Dinner - Waluhaje Dining Room - Speaker, Mr. Theodore Appling, Fort Valley, Peach County, Ga.

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Why Register and Vote - Broad and Near Objectives - Roles of Public Officials - State Employment

Saturday - June 13

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Breakfast - Waluhaje Dining Room - Speaker, Mrs. _____ Johnson, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Ala.

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Organizing for Political Education - Waluhaje Ballroom

A. At the County Level.
B. At the Voting District or Precinct Level.
C. Role of the U. S. Congressional District Chairman.
D. Role of the SCLC Field Staff.
E. Recruiting Volunteer Workers.
F. Preparation of Card Files on Registered Voters.
G. Organization of Committees.
  1. Telephone
  2. Transportation
  3. Baby Sitters
  4. Poll Watchers
H. Fin ncing.

12:30 PM - 12:45 PM Coffee Break

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Problems Clinic - Opportunity to share, in small groups, problems with which help is needed.

1:45 PM - 3:30 PM Lunch - Waluhaje Dining Room - Speaker, Mr. _____ Mitchell, Tuskegee, Macon County, Ala.

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Voting Procedures

A. Use of Voting Machines
B. How to Mark Ballots
C. Absentee Ballots
D. Write-in Ballots
E. Voting "Split" Tickets
F. Bond Issues and Referendums

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Dinner - Waluhaje Dining Room - Speaker, Mr._____ Riddick, Suffolk, Nansemond County, Va.

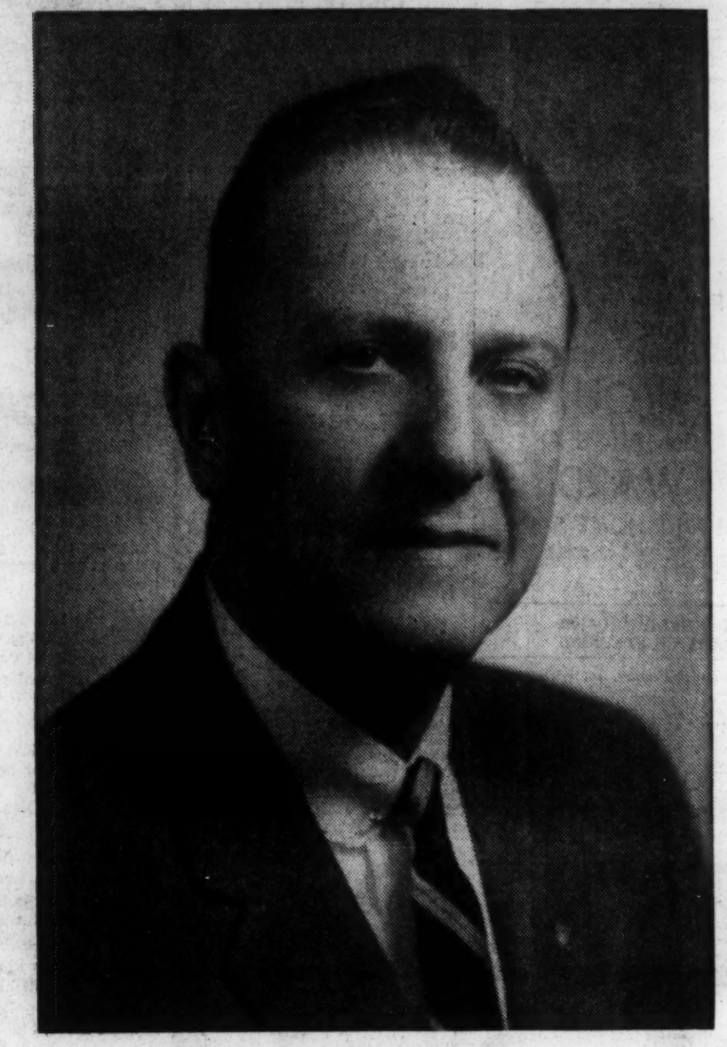
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Panel Discussion - Getting out the Vote - Dining Room

Sunday - June 14

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Breakfast - Waluhaje Dining Room - Speaker, Mr._____ Haggs, Liberty County, Ga.

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Summation O- Evaluation of Workshop

(PAID POLITICAL ADV.)



DEAR FELLOW VOTERS: WRITE-IN AND

ELECT

LESTER I. BOWMAN

TO PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH

AND WE PLEDGE TO YOU . . . . .

. . . . that Council will re-awaken to its responsibility for the entire city . . . for every section of the city.

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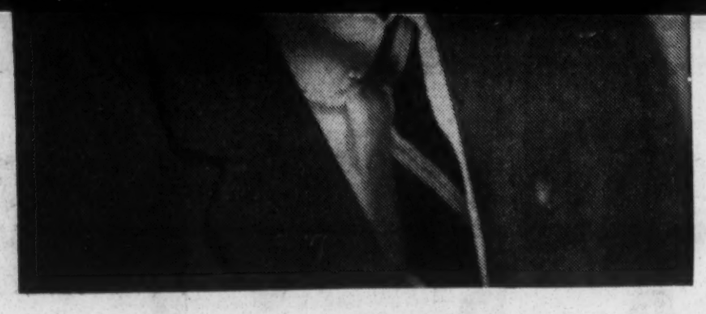

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JOHN G. VONETES, Secy.

This Is How You WRITE-IN Your Vote On Your Ballot

BE SURE
TO PLACE YOUR MARK

☒

HERE—
PRECEDING BOWMAN NAME

DON'T SCRATCH
OR DAMAGE
YOUR BALLOT

Sample Ballot

GENERAL ELECTION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
City of Petersburg
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1964

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL
(Three are to be elected)

☐ Arlie G. Andrews

☐ Marvin W. Gill, Jr.

☐ Alexander Jacobs

☐ Joseph H. Owens

YOU MUST WRITE FULL NAME

☒ LESTER I. BOWMAN
ON BALLOT HERE

MAKE NO OTHER
MARKINGS ON BALLOT

VOTE ONLY BOWMAN . . . TO ASSURE A BOWMAN VICTORY!

—TELEPHONE YOUR FRIENDS AND EXPLAIN THE WRITE-IN FOR BOWMAN—

(PAID POLITICAL ADV.)

FELLOW CITIZENS:

DON'T Support Smear Politics In Petersburg!

KEEP Clean, Decent And Honest Government In Petersburg!

. . . . . .

Smear Tactics Such As This

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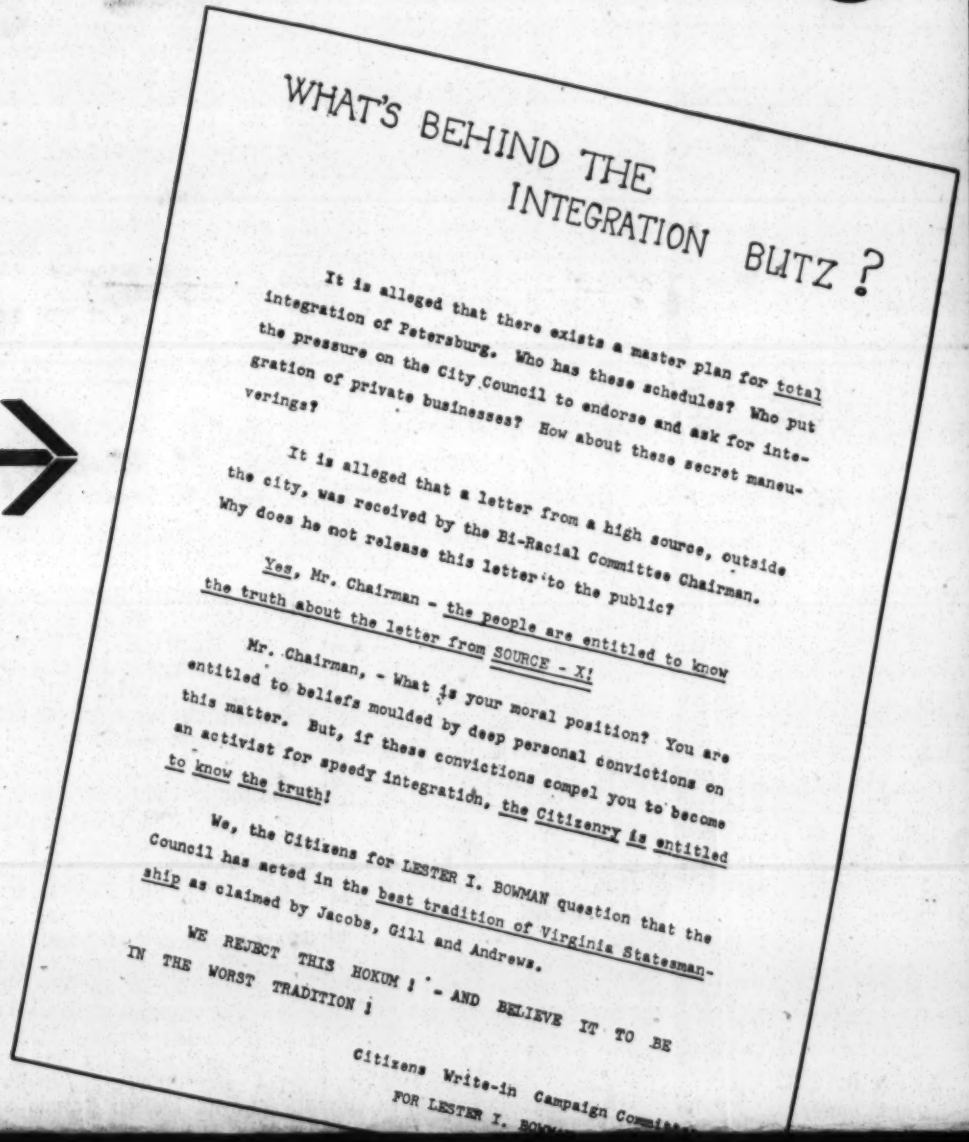

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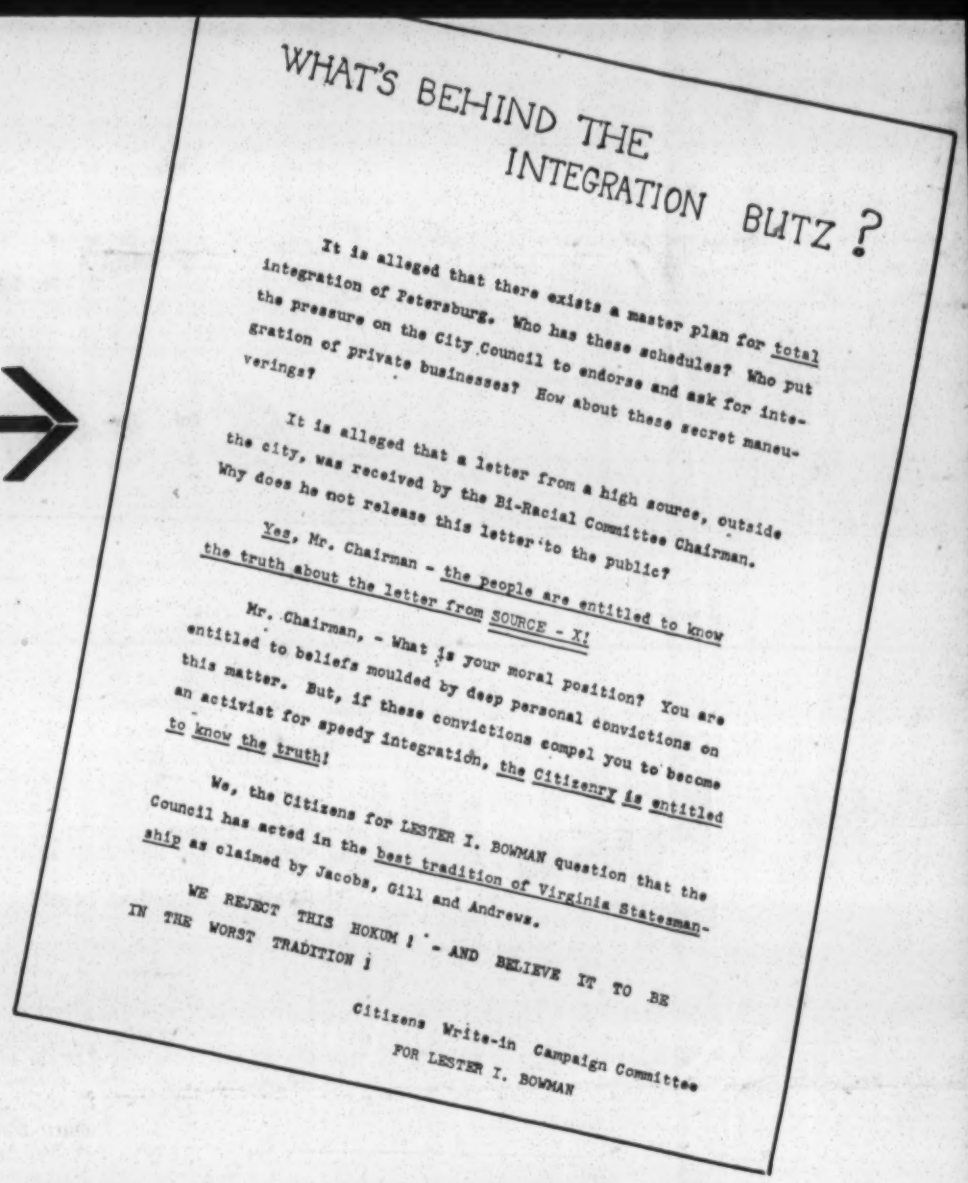

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FOR LESTER I. BOWMAN

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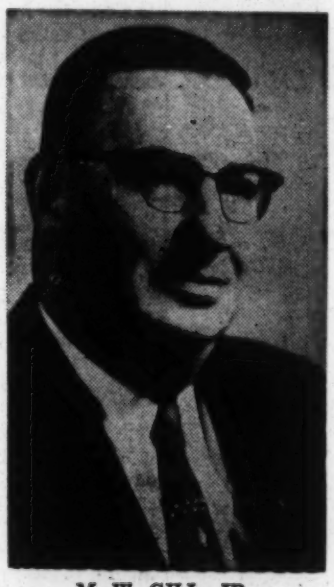
There is no "letter". There is no "master plan". There are no "secret maneuverings". The write-in candidate knows this – he is a member of the Bi-Racial Committee. This attempt to smear honest citizens of Petersburg, freely elected by Petersburg citizens to do their conscientious best, reveals a cynical disregard for the intelligence and honor, the self-respect and integrity of our fellow citizens of Petersburg. Big city politics has no place in our community or our home. KEEP PETERSBURG CLEAN!

ARLIE G. ANDREWS



M. W. GILL, JR.

ALEXANDER S. JACOBS

VOTE FOR

ANDREWS - GILL - JACOBS

FOR PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL JUNE 9th

• VOTE THE TICKET •

CALL YOUR NEIGHBORS . . . . NOW!

BERKELEY D. CARTER, E. C. COLEMAN, HOWARD L. MEREDITH, ELBERT L. PUGH
(Chairmen)

An Open Letter to the Citizens of Petersburg

Since May 10, 1964, there has been in the downtown area of the city of Petersburg an economic withdrawal by the Negro Citizens. Many persons have questioned why the Negro citizenry has resorted to this type of non-violent technique in the civil rights movement. This letter is written to give a few explanations of the reasons for the economic withdrawal.

Over the years, numerous efforts have been made to make the general public aware of the injustices suffered by the minority groups in our city. The Negro has been denied access to places of public accomodations, has been denied equal job opportunities, and because of these denials the human dignity of the Negro citizen has been scarred. Although there have been breakthroughs in some given areas of employment, nevertheless, opportunities for total first class citizenship have been denied and for these reasons it is necessary for the Negro to be heard so that his problem might be understood and solved.

The economic withdrawal is a weapon against an evil system which debases and demeans the worth of the individual. It has been alleged that what the Negro suffering in Petersburg is a Negro problem for which he must find solution. This allegation is rejected emphatically because the debasing of human dignity presents America with a problem that all Americans should help to solve. Historically all of America's great wars have been fought to restore to mankind his worth. All persons, who believe in justice and who believe in America, cannot escape the responsibility in helping to solve these glaring problems. It would have been preferred that political leaders, businessmen, members of civic clubs, clergymen and members of churches would have sought a solution to this problem on moral, ethical and Christian grounds. When it was apparent that such action was not forthcoming, the economic withdrawal was instituted because it involves the entire community whether it wishes to be involved or not. Now, together, we must find the answers.

The Negro in Petersburg wishes to be a first class citizen. In order to accomplish this goal he wishes to have equal job opportunities, equal access to all places of public accomodations and he wants the privelege of pursuing the rights granted by the Constitution.

It has been said that the Nation will endure a long, hot summer of discontent, but the city of Petersburg need not endure such a summer, if those persons and organizations such as: The Bi-Racial Committee, the City Council, the Retail Merchants Association and other persons of good and strong will who are aware of this problem continue to work in the positive and forward manner in which they have begun. The resolutions from the above mentioned groups have been a part of the historical record since early May, but it remains the responsibility of the individual owner to open his place of public accomodations to the ENTIRE public, and the entire populace should support this position.

We note with a great deal of pride the dignity, composure, and restraint with which all persons involved in the present crisis are pursuing the solution to this problem.

We believe in the city of Petersburg, the integrity of its people and its future potentialities. Therefore, all of us working together can make this future a reality.

The Co-Ordinating Committee of the Following Civil Rights Organization of Petersburg & Vicinity:

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Petersburg Improvement Association

Ettrick Community Association

Youth Council of the Petersburg Improvement Association

Youth Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

No Winners--YET!

Confusion Reigns In Petersburg Election

By MARY CHERRY ALLEN

Of The P-I Staff

As a result of yesterday's election in Petersburg it appears likely voters will have to go to the polls again a week from Tuesday to fill three city council seats.

Leading the balloting with 2,008 votes, Lester I. Bowman, a write-in candidate, still fell short of a majority of all votes cast which is required for election.

The unofficial total vote was 4,175; to win a candidate would need approximately 2,088 votes.

This was the first election held under a revised charter approved by the General Assembly in 1962. It provides that election to city council requires a majority of all votes cast and that in the event candidates fail to receive a majority there shall be a run-off election two weeks from date.

The question in the minds of many today is in regard to the legality of a write-in in the run-off. The city charter makes no reference to a write-in in the event of a run-off election. Since none of the candidates received a majority the ballot for the run-off will be the same as in yesterday's election, according to law. If Bowman ran again it would have to be a write-in.

The city charter provides that the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes in a run-off shall be declared elected to the council. Th econfusion that exists today will continue until there is an official ruling about the legality of a write-in.

The Petersburg Electoral Board will meet tomorrow to make an official count of the balloting. Also, since the city charter makes no provision for a write-in in a run-off, the board is expected to construe state law which would apply.

Supporters of Bowman have indicated they will ask for a re-examination of yesterday's balloting.

Bowman's lead over the other four candidates, including three incumbent councilmen, was considerable.

Vice Mayor Arlie G. Andrews received 1,579 votes; Mayor Marvin W. Gill Jr., 1,449; John H. Owens, a Negro, 1,426, and Councilman Alexander S. Jacobs, 1,394.

A write-in campaign to elect Bowman was launched just a week before the election by a group of citizens. At the time Bowman said he would not actively seek election, but would serve if the people wanted him.

The write-in campaign to elect Bowman stemmed primarily from his stand in regard to racial issues. His was the only dissenting vote against a resolution adopted by the city's bi-racial committee of which he is a member, calling for desegregation of public accommodations. This resolution was endorsed by the city council and the Retail Merchants Association.

Bowman in a statement to the press said the council's endorsement was "ill-advised and of questionable propriety." He charged that body with attempting to "intimidate and compel certain businessmen to accede to the demands of a certain group of dissidents."

The three incumbent councilment charged Bowman's supporters with "underhand attacks and baseless rumor-mongering and asserted tactics used in the campaign were "unfair and unheard of before in this family community."

(PAID POLITICAL ADV.)

TOMORROW PETERSBURG VOTERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR VOICING A MANDATE FOR NEW CHANGES TO:—

Demonstrate really true democracy.

Decrease juvenile delinquency and aid better education to all Petersburg youth through compulsory school attendance laws.

Provide City Council with a necessary voice never before heard in that body.

Increase of Council seats from the present five, to seven or nine, in order to assure a fair distribution of representation from all areas of the city.

Show Virginia how to be fair with all people.

Inaugurate "public hearings" of pros and cons on matters affecting capital projects, new sources of taxes, disposing of real estate.

Make Petersburg a more perfect All American city.

Require three public readings of all proposed legislation and real estate deals.

Create a city service system of employment that insures complete fringe benefits, fair employment, proper promotion opportunities and a salary scale equal to comparative industry or to meet the existing economy.

Improve police protection and greater proficiency by releasing policemen from the chores of parking meters and school crossings duty through the hiring of policewomen for those lighter duties.

Provide the downtown shopping area with public restroom facilities.

Expand recreation facilities to assure every child in all the eight wards of supervised and wholesome activities.

Insure commercial industrial growth and area expansion.

I REPRESENT ALL THE ABOVE AND MORE.

I RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO CAST A BALLOT FOR ME.

VOTE AN [X] FOR

Joseph H. Owens

(THE LAST NAME IN THE ALPHABETICAL ORDER ON THE BALLOT)

County Voter Registration Jumps 8,952

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5-20-64

By PAUL MILES
Enquirer City Editor

The number of registered voters in Muscogee County has increased by almost 9,000 since 1962, according to figures released Tuesday by the County Board of Registrars.

John Ingram Jr., deputy registrar, said 41,348 voters will be eligible to cast ballots in September and November elections here. This is 8,952 above the 1962 total of 32,396.

Of the new total, 32,795 are city residents and will be eligible to vote in the May 27 referendum on mixed drinks, This is a 6,443 increase in city voters over 1962, when the total was 26,352.

The number of county voters has increased by 2,509. In 1962 qualified voters outside the city numbered 6,044, while the new list shows 8,553.

Increases were recorded in all

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County Voter—

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precincts, with Bozeman's Store (Eastway), a county station, showing the largest advance. In 1962, Bozeman's total was 1,742, and it now stands at 3,043, an increase of 1,301.

Wynnton, with 4,701 voters, remains the largest precinct. Johnson is second, with 4,131 voters, and Gentian, a county precinct, is third largest, with 3,426.

A further breakdown shows an increase of 6,584 in the number of white voters and 2,368 new Negro voters. In 1962, there were 27,595 white voters and 4,801 Negro voters. This fall, 34,179 white and 7,169 Negro voters will be qualified.

A comparison by precincts, listing the 1962 count first, shows:

Courthouse, 1,616-1,935; Fox, 1,754-2,163; Johnson, 3,521-4,131; East Highland, 1,675-1,959; St. Elmo, 2,847-3,226; Wynnton, 4,238-4,701; Brown Avenue, 2,005-2,560; Marshall Junior High, 887-1,141; Beallwood, 1,824 - 2,621; Clubview, 2,115-2,808; Rigdon Road, 1,699-2,463; Baker Village (in city limits), 2,171-3,088; Baker Village (outside city limits), 241-539; Bibb City, 331-358; Double Churches, 824-833; Gentian, 2,634-3,426; Bozeman, 1,742-3,043; Midland, 186-245, and Upatoi, 86-109.

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5-25-64

Who Will Vote?

It is not being trite or obvious to state that the persons who vote will decide the mixed drinks referendum in Columbus Wednesday.

There are 32,795 eligible voters. If half of them vote, it will be a record total for a city referendum. Thus, the question quite seriously is who will vote: The opponents of legal mixed drinks, or the supporters?

Many Columbusites now have access to mixed drinks through one method of another. This has no doubt generated a complacency in them that the vote Wednesday does not concern their own habits.

But that is an error. The present state law very specifically forbids the dispensing of mixed drinks in any form or under any guise, except in a private home.

If the legal control ordinance is rejected Wednesday, local law officers will have a clear mandate to strictly enforce the current law in its most rigid interpretation.

A long period of shadow-boxing will follow, which will be detrimental to the enforcement of all laws in the area, and to the respect for legal authority.

It is not inconceivable that a defeat of the mixed drinks ordinance will encourage the victors to seek a referendum on all legal sale of alcoholic beverages in Muscogee County and Columbus.

The Enquirer, which has always opposed any type of subterfuge on the sale of mixed drinks, believes that the legal sale now made possible by the Georgia General Assembly will be in the best interests of law enforcement and of the city's moral climate.

We believe that controls will be strict, and that the number of licenses granted will be limited. We believe, in fact, that the new ordinance would tend to eliminate some of the more undesirable honky-tonks and dives that now exist in Columbus.

It will discourage drinking in automobiles, while parked or in motion. It will discourage drinking in the home, where children are much more apt to be influenced than in a restaurant or cocktail lounge.

The evils of alcohol are not in dispute Wednesday. They are well known.

The referendum concerns the best way to control alcohol sales and to curtail excessive drinking. In that sense, the mixed drinks ordinance is a temperance measure. It will allow a man to buy one drink instead of a pint or fifth.

Who should vote Wednesday?

Those who oppose alcohol in any form or fashion will surely vote in opposition.

But those who feel that a better way is possible to control the sale, and to light up the dark corners in which much tippling is now done should support the ordinance.

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Candidate Backs Bid Of Opponent

5-13-64

SAVANNAH, Ga. (UPI) — Something new in Georgia: A candidate for political office willing to help his opponent.

Paul Anestos, 39-year-old service station operator and candidate for sheriff, said Tuesday he will sign a petition to get Sheriff Carl Griffin's name on the ballot as an independent in the November general election.

Griffin has refused to sign the Democratic Party candidate qualification oath and announced he would seek re-election as an independent.

As an independent, Griffin has to come up with a petition with signatures of at least five per cent of the registered voters to get his name on the ballot in the general election.

Anestos said Griffin deserves to have his name on the ballot and that as an American citizen he would never refuse to sign a petition that, in effect, would block a man from becoming a candidate.

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Savannah

MEMORANDUM August [illegible] 1964

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Interim financial report on SCLC covering period November 1,1963 to August 1,1964.

Because of the complexity of this account, I felt that I should do an interim audit which would permit us to check our balance against SCLC's present bank balance. This was done today with Edwina Smith and it appears that we are indeed pretty much in balance. This also afforded the opportunity to depict for you the geographic breakdown of SCLC's expenditures during this period and these are shown below.

Location	VEP Grants	Disbursements	Balance
* Danville, Va.	$ 500.00	$ 98.49	
Montgomery,Ala.	500.00	382.05	
Albany, Ga.	2,500.00	3,000.59	
North Carolina	1,500.00	742.00	
Citizenship Clinics	4,000.00	4,166.25	
Atlanta	4,603.00	4,638.60	
Petersburg, Va.	2,000.00	1,513.46	
Savannah	7,000.00	6,928.21	
Tuscaloosa	1,000.00		
Georgia	2,930.00		
Admin. Expenses		51.75	
TOTAL	$26,535.00	$22,341.40	$4,993.60

*The unexpended portion of the Danville program was transferred to the Albany program with your permission.

jl

VEP 3-26

334 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Telephone 522-1420

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Martin Luther King Jr., *President* Ralph Abernathy, *Treasurer* Andrew J. Young, *Executive Director*

October 30, 1964

Mrs. Jean Levine
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Jean:

In reference to your letter of October 15, here are the answers to your questions:

1. Checks number 903 and 989 were missing from the seris of checks. I sent a stop payment to the bank in case someone removed it from the locked cabinet.

2. Explanations of following checks:
   #896 - Fred Bennette - $10.00 Travel to Jones County to speak at voter registration meeting.
   #919 - Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee - 176.66 Petty Cash (The girl who wrote the check said vouchers were included, but they were vouchers to cover a previous advance. Therefore, that had to serve as an advance which I have never received an accounting for and they don't have a record of the disbursements).
   #991 - SCLC - $50.00 - Wire sent to Fred Martin out of the St. Augustine grant. Check your last batch of vouchers and you will find the voucher to explain.

3. Checks number 599,692,644,739,679,740,825, and 963 were all petty cash which I have sent in an accounting on. I keep a special book on all checks written that are not accompanied by vouchers or receipts and I check them off when accountings are received. My records show that all have been forwarded to you except: 679,963, and 1006 (1006 enclosed).

As for the check #982 to Hosea Williams, I don't know what to do about it. The money was received by Columbus, Georgia and we reimbursed Mr. Williams. This occurred over a week end and Andy authorized Hosea to send the money from his personal money and we would reimburse him.

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My records show a balance in our account of $749.17 to date.

I hope to be sending you a full financial report sometime next week.

Sincerely yours,

Edwina

Edwina Smith

October 15, 1964

Mrs. Edwina Smith
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Edwina:

Thank you for the financial accounting which we recently received from you.

I have need of some information missing from this accounting which I will list below.

1. Carbons for checks #903 and #989.

2. Explanations (there were none on voucher portion of checks) for the following:
   #896 - Rev. Fred Bennett - 8/19/64 - $10.00
   #919 - Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee - 8/25/64 - $176.66'
   #998 - SCLC - 9/24/64 - $ 50.00

3. A sample of the brochure paid for by check #985, to Publishers Guild, Inc., 9/17/64, in the amount of $46.95.

For the record I am listing below the checks for petty cash for which we are still waiting for supporting statements:

#599	Montgomery Improvement Assoc.	4/27/64	$100.00
#692	" " "	5/5/64	100.00
#644	Mr. Herbert Coulton	4/29/64	100.00
#739	" " "	?	150.00
#679	Mr. Golden Franks	5/1/64	100.00

(more)

#740	Chatham County Crus. for Vot.	5/15/64	$100.00
#825	Crusade for Voters	7/28/64	100.00
#963	Montgomery Improvement Assoc.	9/14/64	100.00
#1006	Mr. Herbert Coulton	10/5/64	200.00
TOTAL			$1,050.00

Mr. Brenton has asked me to call your attention to one expenditures claim which we cannot accept in its present form. This is check #982, written to Hosea Williams on September 17, in the amount of $203.93, ostensibly to reimburse him for a wire to John Gibson for a luncheon meeting of ministers and leadership. The supporting vouchers which you attached indicate only that Mr. Vernon Mitchell received $119.80 from Mr. John Gibson. The $3.93 is acceptable as Western Union charges. Therefore, we need further support for this check in the amount of $80.20.

May we have the above information as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

August 7, 1964

Mrs. Edwina Smith
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Edwina:

As I told you on the phone earlier today we are in balance at the moment on VEP financial reporting. I know this is as much a relief to you as it is to me.

For your information I am listing below the checks for petty cash for which we are still waiting for supporting statements. I suspect you are, too.

#399	Montgomery Improvement Assoc.	4/27/64	$100.00
#692	" " "	5/5/64	100.00
#644	Mr. Herbert Coulton (Ptrsbrg.)	4/29/64	100.00
~~#807~~	~~" " " "~~	~~7/23/64~~	~~100.00~~ rec'd 86.25
#739	" " " "	?	150.00
#679	Mr. Golden Franks (Edenton)	5/1/64	100.00
#740	Chatham County Crus. for Vot.	5/15/64	100.00
~~#776~~	~~Rev. T.T. Rodgers (Tuscaloosa)~~	~~7/14/64~~	~~100.00~~
TOTAL			$850.00

Thanks, Edwina, for your help this morning.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

ORGANIZATIONAL FORM 1

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DOUGHERTY COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

ALBANY, GEORGIA

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

PRESIDENT'S NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NO.
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DOUGHERTY COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

BLOCK-WORKERS DUTIES:

1. Visit every house in your block.
2. Find out who is registered.
3. Get those who are not registered to register.
4. Continue to visit until all are registered.
5. Fill out your work sheet. (canvass sheet)
6. Report to your precinct leader or the headquarters.
7. Help on transportation.
8. Remind each person that his vote can make a difference.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BLOCK-WORKERS

1. First, fill out the top in full before starting to work.
2. Place the numbers before each name, house, R.F.D. or box number.
3. Name of Citizen canvassed should be written plainly.
4. Registered - Place a check mark under yes; if he isn't registered Place a check mark under no and show the date he plans to register.
5. If any type of help is needed-explain it under column marked notations.
6. Will get how many others, Urge the registered citizens to get others to go register and make a hotes of the number he agress to get.
7. Voted In Two Years - Insert YES or NO , this is important: by law the name will be dropped if one fails to vote in two years.
8. Address Corrected - Many persons move and do not notify the registrar. If so, check in each case, fill out a card, have it signed and marked to the Board of Registrar, County Court-House.
9. Out- or other notes, if citizen is not at home, check ( ); or column may be used for other notations.

D O U G H E T R Y C O U N T Y C R U S A D E F O R V O T E R S

HOW TO ORGANIZE A DISTRICT OR NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB FOR REGISTRATION

I. FIRST HAVE A PLANNING MEETING WITH A FEW KEY PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO PLAN A LARGE NEIGHBORHOOD OR DISTRICT MEETING.

1. Elect a temporary chairman and secretary from this group.

II. Set A DATE, PLACE AND TIME FOR THE LARGE NEIGHBORHOOD OR DISTRICT MEETING.

III. SEND LETTERS OF INVITATION TO THE MEETING TO:

1. All of the citizens in the area.
2. All of the ministers, teachers and business and professional people living in the district area.

IV. FOLLOW UP THESE LETTERS WITH PERSONAL CONTACTS AND PHONE CALLS

V. A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE MEETING, PASS OUT LEAFLETS FROM DOOR TO DOOR AND AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCHES. HAVE THE MINISTER TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

VI. PLAN LIGHT REFRESHMENTS. (Your best results are sometimes obtained while people are standing around eating.)

VII. INVITE REV. S.V. WELLS TO HELP YOU TO PLAN YOUR MEETING.

VIII. REMEMBER THIS MEETING IS FOR THE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD OR DISTRICT.

SOME REASONS WHY EVERYONE SHOULD REGISTER AND VOTE
IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY NOW!

1. The American government is established on the principle that people shall rule and not a dictator nor a class.

2. Unless we are Registered and Vote we have no share in the Government of Dougherty County, and are not full American citizens.

3. Everybody knows that Negroes in Albany are denied many privileges. Employment opportunities are some examples of things denied Negro Citizens. At the same time Negroes are taxpayers and are approximately 35% of the population of the City.

4. It is time to stop begging on our knees for what we can secure in the Voter's Booth.

5. By registering, you not only help yourself personally in so many ways but you make it eaiser to secure things that might be needed in your community such as better lighting, better police protection, ect.

6. There is nothing difficult or embarrassing connected with registering to vote in Albany. Only simple routine questions for necessary information will be asked.

7. By registering and voting properly, you can help make Albany an example of true Brotherhood in pratice.

8. The Ballot is our ticket to Freedom.

9. It will help in securing employment.

10. It is important in securing Social Security such as Old Age Pensions and other forms of government assistance.

COURTESY DOUGHERTY COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

Your vote is the only method of expressing approval or disapproval of who governs and how.

DOUGHETRY COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

PRECINCT LEADERS DUTIES:

1. Report weekly the names, addresses, telephone numbers of all workers in your precinct to the headquarters office.

2. Arrange for all your workers to attend the regular county weekly meetings.

3. Report the time and place of all meetings, all activity in your precinct to the office and see to it that each block worker gets this imformation to each home.

4. See that reports of workers in your precinct get to the CRUSADE FOR VOTERS Registration Headquarters at least twice each week.

5. Set up a precinct headquarters in someones home if you can. Notify the headquarters when ever you can.

6. Arrange transportation when ever you can.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BLOCK WORKERS TO BE GIVEN BY PRECINCT LEADERS

1. Assign not more than one person to a block or section of a street or road.
   a. Begin at one corner and work each house until you get to the next corner. Then begin all over again, just getting everyone registered.

   b. Call at each house or apartment.

   c. Check each item on the data sheet carefully.

   d. When streets or roads curve and are not blocked, assign one worker to a section of each street, with a minimum number of houses. (25 houses minimum)

2. Give each worker or canvasser sufficient "Data Sheets" for his section, ask him to fill them out as he works and turn them in promptly to headquarters office.

3. Before workers begin canvassing be sure to have them read thoroughly blockworkers instructions for filling out data sheet. If possible, they should have attend at least one meeting called by the Precinct Leader for instructions of block workers.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

NAME _____ : ADDRESS _____

Date of Birth _____ : Age _____ : Mother's Maiden Name __

_____ : Occupation _____

How long have you lived in Georgia _____ : How long have you lived in

Doughetry County _____ : Where _____ :

Will you need help in casting your BALLOT _____ : Where did you

VOTE last _____ : Have you ever been convicted of

a crime involving moral turpitude _____ :

XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX

PRACTICE WRITING AND READING THE FOLLOWING WORDS:

Deprived; Liberty; Property; Process; Articles; Exported; Paramount;

Constitution; Legislature; Representatives; Executive; Excised;

Amendments; Elector; Abridged; Authority; Exportation; Prohibited;

Importation; Insurrection; Assembly; Petition; Militia; Prosecutions;

Assemble; Excessive; Enumeration; Respectively; Construed; Disparage;

Retained; Abolished; Judicial; Zoning; District:

XXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXX

Please fill out the form below and return to the Crusade For Voters' Office:

Name _____ : Address _____

Telephone No. _____ : Neighbor's No. _____

Blockworker ( ) Telephone Committee ( ) Transportation Committee ( )

Finance and Projects ( ) Speakers Bureau ( ) Church-work Committee ( )

Leaflet Committee ( ) Letter Committee ( ) Publicity Committee ( )

I am willing to help on:

Week-days or Evenings ( )

Weekends ()

Dougherty County Crusade For Voters
Telephone Number _____ :

NOTE-*NOTE-*NOTE--NOTE

1. Please print name, address and telephone number.
2. Check the committee (s) on which you **will** work.

IN THE OFFICE OF THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY REGISTRAR POTENTIAL VOTER, ARE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES?
2. HAVE YOU RESIDED IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR?
3. HAVE YOU RESIDED IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ALBANY FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS?
4. WHAT IS YOUR MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME?
5. WHAT IS YOUR DATE OF BIRTH?
6. HAVE YOUR EVER COMMITTED A FELONY AGAINST THE STATE, COUNTY OR CITY?
7. THEY ARE THEN ASKED TO READ A SMALL PARAGRAPH FROM THE STATE CONSTITUTION AFTER WHICH THEY ARE ASKED TO COPY (WRITE) A FEW LINES OF THE CONSTITUTION WHICH IS PLACED BEFORE THEM.

IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTRAR POTENTIAL VOTERS ARE ASKED THE SAME QUESTIONS AS ABOVE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NO. 4(WHAT IS YOUR MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME?) AND INSTEAD OF WRITING FROM A COPY, THEY WRITE WHAT IS READ TO THEM.

VOTER'S OATH (GEORGIA)

I DO SWEAR, OR AFFIRM, THAT I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE; THAT I AM 18 YEARS OF AGE, OR WILL BE ON THE.....DAY OF.....19...: THAT I HAVE RESIDED IN THIS STATE FOR ONE YEAR, AND IN THIS COUNTY FOR SIX MONTHS, IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THIS OATH, OR WILL HAVE RESIDED ON THE DAY OF....., 19.....; THAT I BELIEVE I POSSESS THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELECTOR REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE; THAT I AM NOT REGISTERED IN ANY OTHER COUNTY; THAT I AM NOT REGISTERED UNDER ANY OTHER NAME; THAT I HAVE CORRECTLY ANSWERED THE QUESTIONS APPEARING ELSEWHERE ON THIS CARD UNDER WORDS; "QUESTION PRO* POUNDED TO APPLICANT"; THAT THE INFORMATION CON* TAINED ELSEWHERE ON THIS CARD IS TRUE.

(SIGN HERE).....
(SIGNATURE SHALL BE THE SAME AS NAME APPEARING ELSEWHERE ON CARD)

DO. CO. CRUSADE FOR VOTERS
600-A SOUTH JEFFERSON STREET
ALBANY, GEORGIA
DECEMBER 6, 1963

Dear Sirs:

A new voter registration drive has begun in Albany, under the direction of Mr. Willie M. Bolden of Savannah, Georgia, also under the name of the DOUGHERTY COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS.

We are asking that you see to it that all of your employees are registered voters. If they are not, would you be so kind as to ask them to do so immediately? Thank you. This is very, very important.

Incidentally, there will be a meeting of all businessmen within the next two weeks. You will be informed as to what time, date and place.

Thanks in advance for your much needed cooperation.

Your for First Class Citizenship,

Willie M. Bolden

Willie M. Bolden

For further information
call:
Mr. Willie Bolden
HE-6-5184

DOUGHERTY COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

VOTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

CHURCH WORK COMMITTEE

The _____ Church _____ Street

Reverend _____ Minister _____ Street

We are aware of our responsiblity to our constituency in helping them to be good citizens as well as good Christians.

Christianity is concerned with the whole person: socially, economically, physically, intellectually, and spiritually. In order for a person to be responsible he must be FREE.

To this end, we are requesting each church to set up a Social Action Committee. Kindly fill in the information below, and mail to the chairman at the address below.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE IN THE _____ CHURCH

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Secretary _____	_____	_____
Members _____	_____	_____
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NOTE: PLEASE INCLUDE A MEMBER OF EACH OF YOUR CHURCH AUXILIARIES.

Dougherty County Crusade For Voters: W. M. Balder Phone 6-5184

DOUGHETRY COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS
VOTER EDUCATION PROGRAM
CHURCH WORK COMMITTEE

ALBANY, GEORGIA

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Very truly yours,

W. M. Golden

Chairman, Church Work Committee

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DOUGHERTY COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

ALBANY, GEORGIA

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

WORKERS NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____

ORGANIZATION'S NAME _____

PRESIDENT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____

NO. MEMBERS _____

VOTER REGISTRATION PLANS

INSTRUCTIONS TO COORDINATE

Our modern world was built through the principles of coordination. We can use the same principles to build up the Negro voting strength.

* COORDINATION: We believe that by coordinating the suffrage work of various organizations and individuals, the Negro will have a more effective Political Action program. This turn will produce a large and intelligent Negro vote.

* WHY SHOULD WE COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS? We should coordinate our efforts because in spite of the fine suffrage work being done by many groups and individuals in the South, we are faced with the following facts;

1.. Only about 20% of the potential Negro voting population are registered voters.

2. That large number of Negroes qualified to vote do not show up at the polls on election day.

3. That most areas lack organizational machinery to contact the masses of the people for the purpose of giving out factual and unbiased information on political candidates and issues.

* IS THIS A POLITICAL GROUP? NO! Our coordinating groups or organizations are non-partisian. Their only aim is a large intelligent Negro vote.

* WHY NON-PARTISAN?

1. Because this is an organization owned and operated by the general public.

2. Because for this plan to be successful, we must have the cooperation of all groups and organizations regardless of their political beliefs.

3. History has shown that many non-partisan organizations for the vote folded up because they became ambitious and began playing politics, or individuals in the organization began using the organization for personal gains.

* WHAT CAN YOU DO? You can start a coordinating group in your area. However, you must first sell yourself on the coordinating group idea. Read the Richmond Story. It is a brief story of how this idea is working in Richmond, Virginia.

CHATHAM COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS
VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM
458½ WEST BROAD STREET
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
Adams 6-5727

Non-Baptist Church, Chair.
Rev. R. Richard
107 West Street
Ad 31608
Pastor, Gaines Chaple A.M.E.

Baptist Church, Chair
Rev. Henry F. Grant
213½ West Park Avenue
Ad 2-5519
Pastor, New Light Bpt.

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"IN GOD WE TRUST"

Enclosure: 2

CHATHAM COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS
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458½ WEST BROAD STREET
ADams 6-5727

CHURCH WORK COMMITTEE

Rev. _____ ADDRESS _____ Phone _____

CHURCH _____ ADDRESS _____ Phone _____

We are aware of our responsibility to our constituency in helping them to be good citizens as well as good Christians.

Christianity is concerned with the whole person: socially, economically, physically, intellectually, and spiritually. In order for a person to be responsible he must be free.

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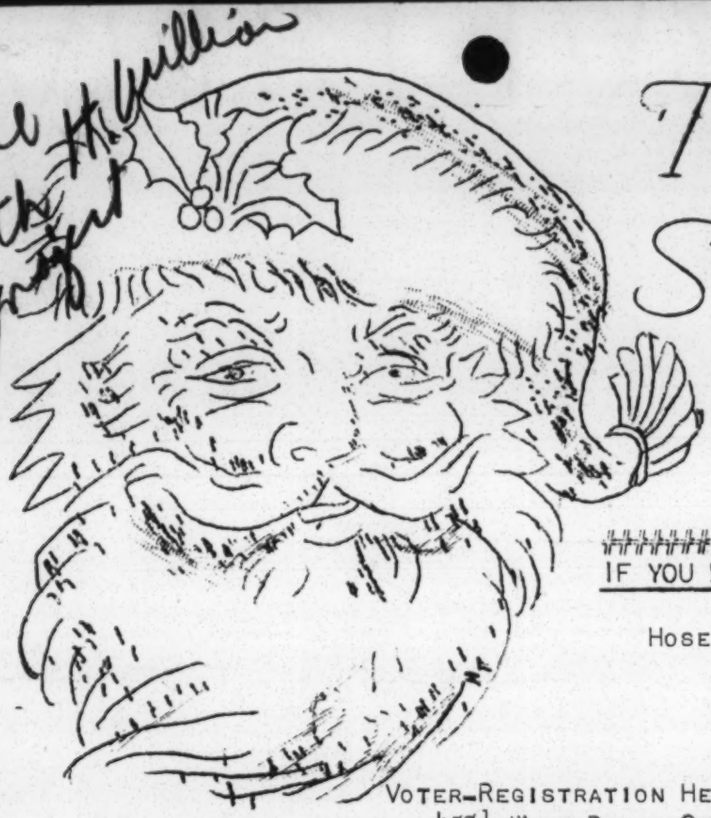

THE FOLLOWING STORES HIRED NEGROES

IF YOU MUST SHOP FOR XMAS - SHOP IN THESE STORES

HOSEA L. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT - JIMMIE WELLS, DIR.
THE CHATHAM COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS
*416 WEST BARK AVENUE
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
ADAMS 6-5727

VOTER-REGISTRATION HEADQUARTERS
458½ WEST BROAD STREET

BROUGHTON STREET

1. JOSEPH'S
2. BUDDY DALE
3. LERNER'S DRESS SHOP
4. KAY'S DRESS SHOP
5. NAT'S MENS & BOYS
6. LEAD'S CLOTHING STORE
7. DAY'S CLOTHING STORE
8. HARRIS THE HUB
9. KRESS 5 & 10
10. ELEANORS DRESS SHOP
11. H.L. GREEN
12. McCRORY'S
13. THE SHOE BAR
14. ALAN BARRY'S
15. REGAL'S CLOTHING STORE
16. PUNCH AND JUDY
17. ALLIED DEPARTMENT STORE
18. LESTER'S SHOE STORE
19. LEVY'S DEPARTMENT STORE
20. BUCK'S FURNITURE CO.
21. CATHERINE'S TAILOR SHOP
22. HAROLD'S MEN SHOP
23. HEYMAN & SON CLOTHING STORE

THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE SHOPPING CENTER

1. NIFTY CENTER DISCOUNT

WEST SIDE SHOPPING CENTER

1. WOOLWORTH'S 5 & 10
2. DIANA SHOP

SEARS ROE-BUCK & COMPANY

VICTORY DRIVE SHOPPING PLAZA

1. JOSEPH'S

EAST BROAD STREET

1. SIEGAL'S CLOTHING

OTHERS

WHITE'S READY TO WEAR

MONTGOMERY STREET

1. STOKE'S SHOE REPAIR

WEST BROAD STREET

STILES DRY GOOD STORE
HILL'S BEAUTY SUPPLY
ROBBINS DEPARTMENT STORE
FELDMEN'S MEN WEAR
S & G MEN SHOP
NATIONAL TAILOR
JOE LEVIN DRY GOOD STORE
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A.B.C. FURNITURE
SOUTHERN AUTO
BEN SHEFTALL
B & B LOAN CO.
PADEREWSKY THE TAILOR
MOXY'S CLOTHING STORE

VEP 3-26

1488 Louisiana Avenue
Beaumont, Texas

Rev. Andrew J. Young
334 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Andy,

This is the report or information that I got from Larry Goodwyn that you asked me for when I last talked to you on the phone.

These are Texas leaders who are deep admirers of Dr. King and who could be expexted to affiliate.

(1). Dr. Marion Brooks ---------- Ft. Worth, Texas
(2). Rev. Claude Black ---------- San Antonio, Texas
(3). G.J. Sutton, Sutton and Sutton Funeral Home, San Antonio
(4). Barbara Jordan, Attorney, --- Houston, Texas
(5). Francis Williams, Attorney, 618 Prairie, Houston, Texas,

The full address of these leaders can be obtained by writing Larry Goodwyn, V.O.T.E., 1317 S. Congress, Austin, Texas.

All of these four were anxious for Dr. King to appear in their respective towns early in January, 1964, as a boast to the poll-tax drive- and they would like to have him at any time.

Dr, Brooks is titular leader of all factors in Ft. Worth. Mr. Sutton and Rev. Black are President and Vice President of San Antonias "Committee for Representative Government" as well as prominent in NAACP there. Black received 47% of the city-wide vote in a loosing race for San Antonia City Council in 1963.

Francis Williams is President of the Harris County Council of Organization- to which all Negro organizations in Houston (some 65 or so) belong.

Barbara Jordan is Vice President of both the Harris County Council of Organization and the Harris County Democrats, the latter being the county wide Democratic Organization.

As for the Poll-tax drive, it was over as of January 31. Prior to this period or after the last report, we had approximately 30 other volunteer block workers. Which gave us, including the 150 we obtained before, 180 block workers in all.

As for the results of this drive---- We do not know as of yet. We have been assured that we will know by the end of the week or the first of next week. Will let you know as soon as we get the information.

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We are now in the process of planning for the free-registration period.

Most of our candidates have already filed. The one that we are most interested in, Mr. Al Price, who is a very good friend to Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, filed Monday, February 3, for state legislature.

They have been making plans for demonstrations on a small scale.

This is all for now until we hear from the court house on how many people we registered. Will send this information as soon as we receive it.

Yours for first class citizenship,

Liz

Miss. Elizabeth Hayes

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1770 Rabb Road
Austin , Texas

Rev. Andrew J. Young
334-Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Andy:

I do not know as of yet, just how we did in the poll tax drive in Beaumont, we have no official record as of yet. It is our estimation that we got approximately 18,000 to be on the safe side with a possibility of having some 20,000, but as I forestated, we have no way of being sure.

At the present time demonstrations on a small scale are going on in Beaumont. We have had a total of 33 persons going to jail with about 76 particiapting in the demonstrations. There are no problems with the police in Beaumont. For the main idea as far as they are conserned is to give the demonstrators as much protection as they need.

We have been doing some work in Austin, Texas, Dallas, Texas and our next stop is San Antonio. In Austin, Texas we were instrumental in getting the students at Houston Tilitson, which is a Negro College in Austin, interested in Voter-Registration as well as demonstrations. In Dallas, Texas we recruited about 200 student at Bishop College. They are already doing block work as it relates to the voter-registration campaign. They have set March 6 as D-Day in Dallas. This is when all high school students as well as students at Bishop college will leave school for demonstrations. We had problems, however, with the administration at Bishop. We had to work kind of under cover. The main thing is that we were successful.

I think it is very necessary that I mention that we went to Arlington, Texas, which is located between Dallas and Ft. Worth for a C.O.P.E. meeting. We stayed at the End of the Six Flags Hotel (fabulous). We were instrumental in bring the Union and COPE together or closer together in the struggle. We were the guest on the program. We did three songs for them, "Which side are you on" the union version and "Which side are you on" freedom version and the Ballad of the Student Sit In". They were absolutely thrilled. They gave us a standing ovation. They also think we should make records of the songs that we did for them that night. By the way we are now in the process of doing just that. We have cut, on tape, a total of 12 songs. 11 of our old freedom songs and one that we wrote ourselves entitled "Listen Southland". All of this is done with the help of one Mr. Larry Goodwyn who calls himself our agent. He is now in the process of writing information for the jacket. We think it is the greatest. This record will be sent to all of the organizations.

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SCLC, SNCC, CORE, and NAACP. We have one song that mentions all of these organizations lead by yours truly. In the process of cutting these records we converted three of the men in the studio. These people are ready to help us in any program we persue there in Dallas. These are all white people.

We have met people from all parts of Texas, each one of these people want us to come to their part of town and organize the students for them. We have not committed ourselves to anyone but Larry and Bill however, so around the 9th or 10th of March we should be ready to pull out of Texas for Birmingham or some place if it's all right with you.

Well this is all for now, not much of a report, but we are really doing things in Texas believe it or not.

Please excuse all mistakes, but we have to leave for San Antonio in about 15 minutes.

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Elizabeth Hayes

P.s. - These are more persons who are great admirers of Dr. King and who also could be expected to affiliate.

1. Dr. D.V. Powell------- Dallas, Texas
2. Rev. B.L. Mc Cormic -- Dallas, Texas
3. Rev. L.B. Nelson------ Dallas, Texas
4. Ceaser Clark --------- Dallas, Texas

[redacted]. Voters League Makes Plans For Registration

Atl World 2-22-64

One hundred fifty adult and youth delegates to the 6th U. S. Congressional District Meeting for the Georgia Voters League, Wednesday night, heard two addresses on political action and made plans for 1964 participation. The words of Rev. Floyd E. Rose, of Macon and Herbert Dudley, local pioneer business and civic leader, resounded thru the St. Paul AME Church, in Dublin, Ga. on the issues of voter registration and coordinated political action.

The delegates came from Laurens, Twiggs, Putnam, Bibb, Jasper, Johnson, Wilkerson, Jefferson and Washington counties and for some five hours they went thru a heavy program, beginning with a Memorial Service for the late Prince Hall Grand Master, John Wesley Dobbs, founder of the League. The session related itself to reports from each county, integration, job and equal educational opportunities, youth orientation under Mrs. Barbara Whitaker of the Voter-Education Project, citizenship education, planning a county voter-registration campaign and the stirring addresses of Rev. Rose and Mr. Dudley, both of whom electified the group with dynamic reasons for political action. Each of the 9 county delegations promised organized action within one week, leading to campaigns which would be continued until May 2, 1964 when the Georgia books close for this year's election.

The following selections were made for statewide standing committees: Church Work, Dorsey Knight, Wilkerson County and Robert Philson, Twiggs; Business and Industry: George Bell, Laurens and Electer Linder, Johnson; Organizations: Miss Barbara Sanders, Laurens and A. M. Fields, Twiggs; District Organization; Robert Philson, Twiggs and David Edmond, Laurens; Program: Miss Barbara Wiggs, Laurens and Walker Reeves, Washington; Interview: C. W. Stanley, Laurens and Charles W. Evans, Putnam; Political Guidance: General Allen, Wilkerson and A. F. Cumming, Laurens: Legislative; Rev. J. B. Fordson, Johnson and Aron Adams, Twiggs; Entertainment: Miss Juanita Tucker, Laurens and Harvey Archer, Washington; Publicity: Miss Barbara Wiggs, Laurens and M. L. Jeffers, Wilkerson; Patronage: A. F. Cumming, Laurens and Turley Wiggins, Twiggs, Education: A. M. Fields, Twiggs and E. S. Myers Laurens Voter-Registration: Odell Hannah, Jefferson, and Rev. W. B. Steward, Washington; Finance: James Baker, Putnam and Miss Mable Smith, Jasper.

J. H. Calhoun, Atlanta, Co-chairman, presided, assisted by Rev. Fred C. Bennette, Atlanta, SCLC Secrdetary and Rev. W. R. Striver, Dublin. The next meeting will be held as a citizenship clinic on April 25 in Macon, which will be the semi-annual meeting of the League and the Statewide Registration Committee.

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1st Cong. Dist

April 3, 1964

COUNTIES COMPRISING THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Georgia

County	VAP	WVAP	NVAP	%N	REG	W REG	N REG	%N VAP REG	%N VAP REG	UNREG NVAP
Bryan	3400	2289	1111	32.7	3628	2523	1105	110.2	99.4	6
Bulloch	14438	10101	4337	30.0	9363	8318	1045	82.3	24.1	3292
Burke	10958	4358	6600	60.2	4091	3664	427	84.0	6.4	6173
Candler	3914	2714	1200	30.6	4055	2989	1066	110.1	88.8	134
Effingham	5764	4008	1756	30.5	2806	2618	188	65.3	10.7	1568
Emanuel	10632	7627	3005	28.3	9962	7864	2098	103.1	69.8	907
Evans	4046	2738	1308	32.3	2953	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jenkins	5195	2985	2210	42.5	3359	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Johnson	4716	3455	1261	26.7	3470	3234	236	93.6	18.7	1025
Laurens	19462	13178	6284	32.3	12031	9590	2441	72.8	38.8	3843
Liberty	8486	5310	3176	37.4	4794	2346	2448	44.2	77.1	728
Long	2162	1527	635	29.4	1997	1425	572	93.3	90.1	63
McIntosh	3466	1643	1823	52.6	3079	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Montgomery	3808	2520	1288	33.8	3100	2385	715	94.6	55.5	573
Screven	8286	4557	3729	45.0	4393	3530	863	77.5	23.1	2866
Tatnall	10512	7377	3135	29.8	7940	6630	1310	89.9	41.8	1825
Toombs	9957	7513	2444	24.5	6393	5962	431	79.3	17.6	2013
Treutlen	3441	2473	968	28.1	3153	3000	153	121.3	15.8	815
Wheeler	3060	2236	824	26.9	2575	2131	444	95.3	53.8	380
Chatham	115601	78118	37563	32.5	51183	36883	14300	47.2	38.0	23263
TOTAL	251384	166727	84657	33.6	144325	105092	29842	63.0	35.2	49474

Legend: VAP - Voting Age Population
WVAP - White Voting Age Population
NVAP - Negro Voting Age Population
NA - Separate figures for number of white and Negro not available.

The first three columns to the left of the double bar reflect 1960 Census.

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Research done by: Mrs. Barbara I. Whitaker, Research Assistant
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SOUTHEAST GEORGIA CRUSADE FOR VOTERS AND THE FIRST U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC - SAVANNAH, GEORGIA - APRIL 4, 1964

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The session was opened with devotions as a memorial to the late Prince Hall Grand Master, John Wesley Dobbs, led by Rev. Fred C. Bennette and Rev. T. J. Lynch. The agenda was read and adopted and each county was asked to name one adult and one youth for the nominating committee.

APR 13 1964

The following counties reported on activities: (See reports attached)

1. Tatnall - D. J. Norwood
2. Emanuel - Thomas A. Allen
3. Bryan - Clarence Jackson, Jr.
4. Burke - Joe J. Crawford and Rev. C. S. Robinson
5. Evans - B. F. Hagan and Rev. T. J. Lynch
6. Screven - C. D. Camp
7. Liberty - Ralph W. Quarterman
8. Wheeler - Rev. A. Goram
9. Chatham - Hosea L. Williams

All during the reporting it was brought out repeatedly by Mr. Hosea Williams, president and J. H. Calhoun, chairman of the Statewide Registration Committee, as well as, county leaders, that Adult Citizenship Schools, such as established by the SCLC in Liberty County at Dorchester Academy, offer a basic solution to the problem of increasing registration. It was also strongly emphasized that unless specific results can be shown from political action, there is no point in urging people to register.

There was a recess for lunch, with county reports continuing, after which the following nominating committee was named:

County	Name	Address	City and State
Wheeler	Rev. A. Goram	P. O. Box 422	Alamo, Ga.
	Curtis C. Harvey	Rt. 1, Box 60	" "
Chatham	Will Judson		
Tatnall	D. J. Norwood	P. O. Box 4	Collins, Ga.
	Miss Pearl Pough		" "
Evans	Booker T. Hagan	P. O. Box 403	Claxton, Ga.
	Frank Hagan		" "
Liberty	Booker T. Burley	P. O. Box 325	Hinesville, Ga.
	Willie J. Brown	R. F. D.	Riceboro, Ga.
Burke	Joe J. Crawford	P. O. Box 97	Midville, Ga.
	Rev. C. S. Roberson	707 Cherry St.	Waynesboro, Ga.
Screven	C. D. Camp	P. O. Box 506	Sylvania, Ga.
	Edw. Carter	Route 2	" "
Bryan	Clarence Jackson, Jr.	R. F. D. Box 84	Richmond Hill, Ga.
	Miss Fay Jackson	Rt. 1, Box 84	" "

County	Name	Address	City and State
Emanuel	Miss Phyllis King		
	Thos. E. Allen		

The youth held a special session, during which "pep" songs were sung. The movie: "Government is Your Business," was shown by Rev. Bennette and Rev. Daniel Harrell. The Clinic then recessed for dinner.

After dinner there was a short session on Political Education, conducted by Mr. Calhoun and Mr. Williams, presenting material on the following points:

1. How to Organize a Block Party
2. Roles of Public Officials
3. Public Relations
4. Use of placards, car stickers, etc.

The nominating committee made its report, with the following recommendations:

President - Hosea Williams
1st Vice President - Ralph Quarterman
2nd Vice President - D. J. Norwood
Secretary - Miss Carolyn Roberts
Assistant Secretary - Will Judson
Treasurer - Mrs. Emogene S. Middleton

Committees (Statewide) - Church Work - Rev. T. J. Lynch
Business and Industry - B. T. Burley
Organizations - Rev. C. S. Roberts
District Organizing - Rev. A. Goram
Program - Miss Pearl Pough
Interview - Mrs. J. T. Williams
Political Guidance - Rev. P. Patterson
Legislative - Prof. M. H. Williams
Entertainment - Mrs. Mary Love
Publicity - B. T. Hagan
Patronage - Benjamin Van Clark
Education - C. D. Camp
Voter-Registration - Lester Heankerson and A. Brownlee
Finance - Thomas Allen
Organized Labor - James Tyson

On motion of Mr. Ben Van Clark, seconded by Rev. Lynch, the report of the committee was approved and the officers decalred elected. Because of the fact that only one person was named for most of the statewide committees, it was moved by Mr. Camp and seconded by Mr. Hagan that the executive committee be called together to fill the other positions and to name a leader for each of the state senatorial districts before April 25, the date of the state semi-annual meeting. It was announced that the next Crusade for Voters' meeting will be announced and the participants notified. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the newly re-elected president and Benediction by Rev. Harrell, of SCLC.

Hosea Williams, President,

SOUTHEAST CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

J. H. Calhoun, Chairman, STATEWIDE
REGISTRATION COMMITTEE AND CO-CHAIRMAN,
GEORGIA VOTERS LEAGUE

Carolyn Roberts, Secretary

PERSONS ATTENDING 1ST U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC - SAVANNAH, GA. - APRIL 4, 1964

COUNTY	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE
Lee	Mr. James Mays (Y)	Route 1	Leslie, Ga.
	Miss Katie James (Y)	Route 1	Leesburg, Ga.
	Miss Brenda Hard (Y)	Route 1, Box 56	Leesburg, Ga.
Wheeler	Rev. A. Gorum (A)	P. O. Box 422	Alamo, Ga.
	Mr. Cottrill Troup (Y)	Route 1	Alamo, Ga.
	Mr. J. W. Harvey (A)	Route 1	Alamo, Ga.
	Mr. Marcus Gorum (Y)	Route 1, Box 36	Alamo, Ga.
	Miss Mary Troup (A)	Route 1	Alamo, Ga.
	Mr. Ulysses Harvey (Y)	Route 1, Box 60	Alamo, Ga.
	Mr. Curtis Harvey (Y)	Route 1, Box 60	Alamo, Ga.
	Miss Eloulse McDuffey (A)	Route 1, Box 60	Alamo, Ga.
	Mr. John Troupe (Y)	Route 1	Alamo, Ga.
	Mrs. L. M. Frazier (A)	Post Office Box	Alamo, Ga.
	Miss Lorenia Grover (A)	916 Googe Street	Savannah, Ga.
Chatham	Miss Lillian Robinson (A)	725 Yamacraw Village	Savannah, Ga.
	Miss Dora Burke (A)	2029 Eppinger Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Miss Alma Middleton (A)	262 Ferrill Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Lonnie Grover (A)	916 Googe Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Edward Harden (Y)	1036 Scott Avenue	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Ezra E. Blake (Y)	625 West 45th	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Walter Berdus (Y)	1010 West 44th Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Miss Carolyn Roberts (A)	317 Agusta Avenue	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Samuel Cooper (A)	2109 Pachard Avenue	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Hosea Williams (A)	458½ West Broad	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. J. S. Blarner (A)	348 West 45th Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Horace Ziagle (A)	716 West 48th Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Mack Tilson (Y)	1011 West 44th Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. James Middleton (A)	762 Ferrial Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mrs. Catherine Walker (A)	2305 Harden Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Miss Bernita Darby (A)	804 Waters Avenue	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Warren Hamilton (Y)	1520 Elmer Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. George Shierpester (Y)	21 Brittan Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Eric A. Peterson (A)	130 Bull Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Leroy Wilson (Y)	1011 Richards Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Will Judson (A)	522 West 35th Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. James Middleton (Y)	262 Ferrie	Savannah, Ga.
	Miss Betty Carswell (Y)	1319 Church	Savannah, Ga.
	Mrs. Eunice Jones (Y)	1405 New Castll	Savannah, Ga.
	Miss Sandra Hunter (Y)	121 Britlany Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Miss Barbra West (Y)	1311 Church Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Melvin C. Brooks (Y)	510 West 44th Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Edward Stephens (Y)	1016 46th Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mrs. M. L. Wilkers (A)	1011 Richards	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. William Moore (Y)	707 West 44th Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Robert Bethea (Y)	657 East Duffy	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Samuel White (Y)	1003 West 51st Stredt	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Charles Brown (Y)	1803 61st Street	Savannah, Ga.
Emanuel	Miss Phyllis King (Y)	312 Oliphant Street	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Mr. Thomas Allen (A)	Route 3, Box 275-A	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Rev. Cicero Brown (A)	715 North Grien Street	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Mr. H. F. Williams (A)	P. O. Box 248	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Mr. William Wilcher (A)	309 Racetrack Street	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Miss Mary Wilcher (A)	309 Rac	

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Emanuel	Miss Shirley King (Y)	312 Oliphat Street	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Mr. Robert Carter (Y)	Route 2, Box 19	Midville, Ga.
	Rev. James Brante (A)	346 New Street	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Mr. Dewitt Reames (Y)	Route 2, Box 45½	Midville, Ga.
	Mr. Luanna Riggs (A)	Route 2, Box 45½	Midville, Ga.
	Miss Letta Brantley (A)	346 New Street	Swainsboro, Ga.
Tatnall	Miss Ann Ruth Calhoun (Y)	Route 2, Box 2	Manassar, Ga.
	Mr. Willie Smith (Y)	Route 1	Reidsville, Ga.
	Mr. Will Seay (Y)	P. O. Box 83	Manassar, Ga.
	Miss Luretha James (Y)	Route 2, Box 83	Collins, Ga.
	Mr. Jerome Smith (Y)	Route 1	Reidsville, Ga.
	Mr. Benjamin V. Clark (Y)	326 Price Street	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Aaron Pierce (Y)	Route 2, Box 19	Midville, Ga.
	Mr. Tonnie Carswell (Y)	Route 2, Box 31	Midville, Ga.
	Mr. Leroy Scott (Y)	Route 1, Box 205	Midville, Ga.
	Miss Barbara Smith (Y)	Box 3	Midville, Ga.
	Mrs. M. A. Byrd (A)	202 Surrency Street	Reidsville, Ga.
	Mr. T. L. Cartes (A)	General Delivery	Reidsville, Ga.
	Mr. L. N. Trimn (A)	P. O. Box 447	Reidsville, Ga.
	Miss Marlene L. Battle (A)	Box 32	Collins, Ga.
	Rev. Clifford Ealer (A)	R. F. D. 2, Box 28	Collins, Ga.
	Mr. William L. Seay (A)	P. O. Box 83	Manassas, Ga.
	Mr. Jeff James (A)	Route 2	Cobbtown, Ga.
	Miss Minnie Bryant (A)	College Avenue	Reidsville, Ga.
	Mr. G. W. Love (A)	Post Office Box 223	Reidsville, Ga.
	Mr. Less Ealey (A)	Route 1	Collins, Ga.
	Miss Jeann Hart (Y)	P. O. Box 154	Collins, Ga.
	Mr. Neemi Ealey (Y)	Route 1, Box 28	Collins, Ga.
	Miss Annie R. James (Y)	Route 2, Box 183	Cobbtown, Ga.
	Miss Bertha Wilkerson (A)	P. O. Box 4	Collins, Ga.
	Mr. D. J. Norward (A)	P. O. Box 4	Collins, Ga.
	Miss Mammie L. Smith (Y)	P. O. Box	Reidsville, Ga.
	Mr. Robert Collins (Y)	P. O. Box 1818	Collins, Ga.
	Miss Melsina Baker (Y)	Box 102	Collins, Ga.
	Mr. Robert C. Morgan(Y)	Route 1 Box 14	Collins, Ga.
	Mr. Jordan Anthony (Y)	Route 2	Collins, Ga.
	Mr. Melrose Gay (Y)	Post Office Box	Reidsville, Ga.
	Miss Dorothy Sheppard (Y)	P. O. Box 303	Reidsville, Ga.
	Miss Lorrella Dixon (Y)	Route 1, Box 9	Collins, Ga.
	Miss Pearlene Pough (Y)	Route 1, Box 25	Collins, Ga.
	Miss Grace James (Y)	Route 2, Box 83	Collins, Ga.
	Miss Annie L. Morris (A)	P. O. Box 32	Collins, Ga.
Burke	Mrs. C. W. Francis (A)	Boggs Academy	Keyville, Ga.
	Rev. J. M. Ellis (A)	Boggs Academy	Keyville, Ga.
	Miss Trudie M. Tillman (A)	Route 2	Midville, Ga.
	Mr. Joe J. Crawford (A)	P. O. Box 97	Midville, Ga.
	Miss Ella Mae Smith (Y)	Route 1, Box 3	Midville, Ga.
	Rev. C. S. Robinson (A)	707 Cherry Street	Waynesboro, Ga.
	Miss Mary Ann Jones (A)	General Delivery	Midville, Ga.
	Miss Anna L. Jones (A)	"A" Street	Waynesboro, Ga.
Liberty	Mr. B. T. Burley (A)	P. O. Box 325	Hinesville, Ga.
	Mr. Clarence Jones (A)	Route 1, Box 132	Ricebore, Ga.
	Mr. Albert Williams (A)	Route 1, Box 132	Ricebore, Ga.

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Liberty	Mr. R. W. Quarterman (A)	P. O. Box 5	Allenhurst, Ga.
Bryant	Miss Florence Brooks (A)	General Delivery	Richmond Hill, Ga.
	Mr. Clarence Jackson (A)	Route 1, Box 84	Richmond Hill, Ga.
Fulton	Mrs. Barbra Whitaker (A)	5 Forsyth	Atlanta, Ga.
	Mr. J. M. Calhoun (A)	234 Auburn Ave.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Rev. Fred Bennette (A)	334 Auburn Ave.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Rev. Daniel Harrell (A)	25 Burbank Dr., #3	Atlanta, Ga.
	Mrs. Juanita Harrell (A)	25 Burbank Dr., #3	Atlanta, Ga.
Screven	Mr. C. D. Camp (A)	P. O. Box 506	Sylvania, Ga.
	Mr. Clayton Brown (A)	Route 2, Box 16	Sylvania, Ga.
	Mrs. Clara Lanton (A)	Route 1, Box 28	Sylvania, Ga.
Evans	Mr. Booker T. Hagin (A)	P. O. Box 403	Claxton, Ga.
	Rev. T. J. Lynch (A)	Route 1, Box 250	Claxton, Ga.
Brantley	Rev. L. Hix (A)	Route 1, Box 10	Waynesville, Ga.

ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE

DIST.	COUNTY	ADULTS	YOUTH	TOTAL
I	Lee	0	3	3
	Wheeler	6	5	11
	Chatham	15	18	33
	Emanuel	8	4	12
	Tatnall	13	23	36
	Burke	7	1	8
	Liberty	4	0	4
	Bryant	2	0	2
	Fulton	5	0	5
	Screven	3	0	3
	Evans	2	0	2
	Brantley	1	0	1
TOTALS		66	54	120

COMPLETE TOTAL - 120

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COUNTY STATISTICS FOR SOUTHEASTERN GEORGIA CRUSADE FOR VOTERS:

COUNTY BURKE (WAYNESBORO)

NAME OF COUNTY ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION IN YOUR COUNTY
BURKE COUNTY CIVIC LEAGUE

ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT Rev. C. S. Robinson ADDRESS 707 Cherry St. PH.

V. PRES. ADDRESS PH.

SECRETARY Rev. A. Mathews ADDRESS Bryant St., Waynesboro PH.

TREASURER ADDRESS PH.

OTHERS Mrs. Anna Evans ADDRESS 1210 Quaker Rd., Waynesboro PH. 554-3385

TOTAL POPULATION OF COUNTY 20,596 TOTAL NEGRO POPULATION 13,685

TOTAL WHITE POPULATION 6,911 TOTAL REGISTERED IN COUNTY 4,091

NUMBER OF NEGROES REGISTERED IN COUNTY 676 NUMBER OF NEGROES OVER 17½ YRS. OF AGE 6,600 NUMBER OF NEGROES ILLITERATE OVER 17½ YRS. OF AGE

NUMBER OF WHITES ILLITERATE OVER 17½ YRS. OF AGE .

A RESUME OF PROPOSED VOTER-EDUCATION PROJECT:
Lounched campaign 3 weeks ago, organzing by districts and making a census of the Negro pepulation and registering at the same time, house by house.

Registered: - 1963: 1964:

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COUNTY STATISTICS FOR SOUTHEASTERN GEORGIA CRUSADE FOR VOTERS:

County EVANS

Name of County Organization Responsible for Voter Registration In Your County

EVANS COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE

ELECTED OFFICERS

President	B. T. Hagan	Address	P. O. Box 403 Claxton	Ph. 739-3662
V. Pres.	Rev. T. J. Lynch	Address	Claxton	Ph. 739-3672
Secretary	C. L. Bailey, Jr.	Address	"	Ph.
Treasurer	Sinclair Miller	Address	"	Ph.
Others		Address		Ph.

Total Population of County 6,952 Total Negro Population 2,583

Total White Population 4,369 Total Registered In County 2,953

Number of Negroes Registered In County 900 Number of Negroes over 17½ Yrs. Of Age 1,308 Number of Negroes Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age ___

Number of Whites Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age ___.

A Resume of Proposed Voter-Education Project:

Organized 3 yrs., first time attending meeting; easy to register. Results: serves provided, paved streets, signs removed from water fountain of filling station, attend city council meetings. Some people still afraid Miss Ann Batt canducted citizenship school last year Rev. C. W. Henly had two teachers with him last fall but guil after Pres. Kennedy's death.

Registered: 1963: ___ 1964: ___

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COUNTY STATISTICS FOR SOUTHEASTERN GEORGIA CRUSADE FOR VOTERS:

County SCREVEN

Name of County Organization Responsible for Voter Registration In Your County

SCREVEN COUNTY BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

ELECTED OFFICERS

President Roosevelt Lewis Address Rt. 4, Sylvania Ph.

V. Pres. J. O. Solomon Address Rt. 4, Sylvania Ph.

Secretary Lamar Carter Address Rt. 1, Sylvania, Central High School Ph.
Wilbur Mayner Address Sylvania Ph.

Treasurer B. T. Roberts Address " Ph.

Others Mr. Clayton Brown Address Rt. 2, Box 16, Sylvania Ph. 229-3724
C. D. Camp Box 506, Sylvania 564-7520 County Agent

Total Population of County 14,919 Total Negro Population 7,832

Total White Population 7,082 Total Registered In County 4,393

Number of Negroes Registered In County 863 Number of Negroes over 17½ Yrs. Of Age 3,729 Number of Negroes Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age

Number of Whites Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age

A Resume of Proposed Voter-Education Project:

Assn. meets once per month; mostly young men. Young men not ready to take over.

Have lists of voters.

Help to elect Superintendent, Sheriff and two county commissioners.

Registered: 1963: - 200; 1964: - 240

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COUNTY STATISTICS FOR SOUTHEASTERN GEORGIA CRUSADE FOR VOTERS:

County LIBERTY (HINESVILLE)

Name of County Organization Responsible for Voter Registration In Your County

LIBERTY COUNTY CITIZENSHIP

ELECTED OFFICERS

President R. W. Quarterman Address Allen hurst Ph. 867-3743

V. Pres. Samuel Mullis Address RFD., McIntosh Ph. _____

Secretary E. B. Cooper Address RFD., Ricebern Ph. _____

Treasurer Fred Walthow Address RFD., McIntosh Ph. _____

Others _____ Address _____ Ph. _____

Total Population of County 14,487 Total Negro Population 6,139

Total White Population 8,348 Total Registered In County 4,794

Number of Negroes Registered In County 2,448 Number of Negroes over 17½ Yrs. Of Age 3,176 Number of Negroes Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age _____

_____ Number of Whites Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age _____.

A Resume of Proposed Voter-Education Project:

Organized for a number of years; registration not a big problem. Within last 7 or 8 yrs. have qualified Negroes for office: county commission: 2 justices of the peace; two Negroes on Liberty County Democratic Committee. Will get a Negro police, with a sqread car after conference with Mayor this A. M. 3 or 4 "deputy sheriffs," really political agents. Promised by leading candidate for Sheriff to have only 2; one Negro and one White. One Negro Welfare Board; One Negro jury commissioner. Will get a case worker.

Registered: 1963: 255 - 1964: - 46

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COUNTY STATISTICS FOR SOUTHEASTERN GEORGIA CRUSADE FOR VOTERS:

County WHEELER

Name of County Organization Responsible for Voter Registration In Your County

COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNITY CLUB

ELECTED OFFICERS

President Rev. C. A. Troup Address Rt. 1, Alamo Ph.

V. Pres. Geo. Bess Address Lumber City, Rt. 2 Ph.

Secretary Mrs. Moreline King Address Rt. 2, Glenwood Ph.

Treasurer Henry Geter Address Alamo Ph.

Others Adviser, Rev. A. Goram Address Alamo Ph.

Total Population of County 5,342 Total Negro Population 1,735

Total White Population 3,607 Total Registered In County 2,575

Number of Negroes Registered In County 564 Number of Negroes over 17½ Yrs. Of Age 824 Number of Negroes Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age

Number of Whites Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age

A Resume of Proposed Voter-Education Project:

Registration mostly thru adult citizenship school, taking them down in cars. Club committees have gotten facilities in courthouse; 30 jobs in a new factory at machines and upgraded to $1.68 per hr; Negroes at polls. Put proposals to candidates, school facilities and employees to all candidtates, only one accepted and signed.

Registered: 1963 - 200 1964: - 64

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COUNTY STATISTICS FOR SOUTHEASTERN GEORGIA CRUSADE FOR VOTERS:

County CHATHAM

Name of County Organization Responsible for Voter Registration In Your County
CHATHAM COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

ELECTED OFFICERS

President _____ Address _____ Ph. _____

V. Pres. _____ Address _____ Ph. _____

Secretary _____ Address _____ Ph. _____

Treasurer _____ Address _____ Ph. _____

Others _____ Address _____ Ph. _____

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Total Population of County 188,299 Total Negro Population 64,183

Total White Population 124,116 Total Registered In County 144,325

Number of Negroes Registered In County 29,842 Number of Negroes over 17½ Yrs. Of Age 84,657 Number of Negroes Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age _____

_____ Number of Whites Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age _____.

A Resume of Proposed Voter-Education Project:

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COUNTY STATISTICS FOR SOUTHEASTERN GEORGIA CRUSADE FOR VOTERS:

County BRYAN (PEMBROKE)

Name of County Organization Responsible for Voter Registration In Your County

BRYAN COUNTY CRUSADE

ELECTED OFFICERS

President J. L. Lee Address Box 111, Richmond Ph.

V. Pres. Address Ph.

Secretary Mrs. Margaret Jackson Address Rt. 1, Box 84 Richmond Hill Ph. 756-2278

Treasurer Mrs. Florence Brooks Address " Ph.

Others Address Ph.

Total Population of County 6,226 Total Negro Population 2,299

Total White Population 3,927 Total Registered In County 3,628

Number of Negroes Registered In County 1,105 Number of Negroes over 17½ Yrs. Of Age 1,111 Number of Negroes Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age

Number of Whites Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age

A Resume of Proposed Voter-Education Project:

Negroes voted in a block vote, helped elect sheriff, county commissioner, and commission at large; won all candidates. Thru communities: Richmond Hill, Pembroke and Ellabelle, cooperated in the elcetion

Registered: - 1963: 1964:

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COUNTY STATISTICS FOR SOUTHEASTERN GEORGIA CRUSADE FOR VOTERS:

County TATNALL (REIDSVILLE)

Name of County Organization Responsible for Voter Registration In Your County

CHRISTIAN LEAGUE

ELECTED OFFICERS

President Rev. W. C. Ealey Address Collins, Ga. Ph.

V. Pres. Miss Ruth Riley Address Glenville Ph. 32

Secretary Mrs. Morlene Battce Address Collins, Ga., P. O. Box Ph.

Treasurer Willie Johnson Address Cobbtown Ph. 684-2482

Others D. J. Norwood Address Collins, P. O. Box 4 Ph. OX 3-2770

Total Population of County 15,860 Total Negro Population 5,034

Total White Population 10,826 Total Registered In County 7,940

Number of Negroes Registered In County 1,310 Number of Negroes over 17½ Yrs. Of Age 3,135 Number of Negroes Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age ___

Number of Whites Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age ___.

A Resume of Proposed Voter-Education Project:

4 Schools on citizenship in the county and meets 2 nights per week, brought together once per month; started with Noteagl, Tenn. Mr. Norwood has been deputized to register at homes. Plan to work against present sheriff who has not kept his promises.

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COUNTY STATISTICS FOR SOUTHEASTERN GEORGIA CRUSADE FOR VOTERS:

County EMANUEL (SWAINSBORO)

Name of County Organization Responsible for Voter Registration In Your County
EMANUEL COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS
COORDINATING COUNCIL

ELECTED OFFICERS

President Joseph Sims Address Rt. 1, Swainsboro Ph. BE 7-7660

V. Pres. M. L. Lynch Address Rt. 2, Swainsboro Ph. _____

Secretary Mrs. Pinkie Brown Address Racetrack St. " Ph. _____

Treasurer M. F. Williams Address P. O. Box 248 " Ph. _____

Others Thomas A. Allen, Address _____ Ph. _____

Supervisor Citizenship

Total Population of County 17,815 Total Negro Population 5,904

Total White Population 11,911 Total Registered In County 2,098

Number of Negroes Registered In County 2,098 Number of Negroes over 17½ Yrs. Of Age 3,005 Number of Negroes Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age ____

_____ Number of Whites Illiterate over 17½ Yrs. of Age _____.

A Resume of Proposed Voter-Education Project:

Citizenship schools in operation: high schools registering. Over 100 registered since classes started. Candidates are asked platform, pledges secured and followed up. Jury lists opened to Negroes.

Registered: _____ 1963: - 1964: _____

The Crusader, April 9, 1964

First District Elects 1964 Officers

On last Saturday at Butler Presbyterian Church, the Southeastern Georgia Crusade for Voters held its Annual Meeting. The meeting, which lasted from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., included county reports, political action workshops, Adult Citizenship School Training, organizational training sessions, and the election of 1964 officers.

Hosea L. Williams, president of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters, was re-elected as District President. Ralph Quarterman of Liberty County was elected as First Vice President and D. J. Norwood of Tatnall County was elected as Second Vice President. Miss Carolyn Roberts was elected as secretary, Mr. Will Judson, Assistant secretary and Mrs. Emogene Middleton as treasurer.

Chairmen of the standing committees were elected as follows: Rev. T. J. Lynch of Evans County was elected as Church Work Chairman; Rev. P. A. Patterson of Chatham County, Political Guidance; Professor N. H. Williams of Emanuel County, Chairman of the Legislative Committee; Mr. James Tyson of Chatham County, Organized Labor; Rev. A. Goran of Wheeler County, District Organizer; Rev. C. S. Roberts of Burke County, Organization Chairman; Mr. B. T. Burney of Bryan County, Business and Industry; Mr. Benjamin Van Clarke of Chatham County, Patronage Committee; Mr. C. D. Camp of Screven County, Education; Mr. Thomas Allen of Emanuel County, Finance; Mr. Lester Hankerson and Mr. Henry Brownlee of Chatham County, Voter Registration; Mr. B. T. Hatan of Effingham County, Publicity; Mrs. Mary Love of Bryan County, Entertainment and Mrs. J. S. Williams of Liberty County, Interview Committee.

The county reporting session was supervised by Mr. J. H. Calhoun, Co-Chairman of the Georgia Voter's League and Chairman of the Statewide Registration Committee. During the reporting session, it was brought out repeatedly that many of the problems of the various counties could be solved by instituting the adult citizenship school program, which is being sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. This was verified by all of the counties that were able to report concrete accomplishments. Each of these counties reported that their political action program had been greatly enhanced and promoted by the adult citizenship program. There are more than 25 Adult Citizenship Schools operating in the 1st U.S. Congressional District: Chatham, Tatnall, Wheeler, Emanuel, and Evans were the counties reporting the greatest amount of accomplishments through political action (except Liberty). Each of these counties have been involved in operating citizenship schools for the past three years.

The Youth held a special session during which "Pep" songs were sung and county reports were made. The youth also elected district officers. The entire delegation viewed a movie "Government Is Your Business," which was shown by Rev. Fred C. Bennett and Rev. Daniel Harrall.

The Clinic then recessed for dinner.

After dinner, there was a short session on political education, conducted by Mr. John H. Calhoun, who presented material on how to organize a block party, the role of public officials, public relations in the use of plycards and stickers.

Hosea Williams, explained how a county could involve itself in the Adult Citizenship School program. Williams reported "The entire program is financed by the Marshall-Field Foundation and is supervised by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. SCLC trains the teachers from your community at Dorchester Community Center located in Liberty County. We furnish all the materials including textbooks. Each teacher is given enough finance to bear the expenses of operating her or his class. The county supervisor is given a gas allowance in order to enable him to promote the program and assist the teachers whenever needed."

The delegates were then advised as to how to organize a crash block party or individual registration drive. "It is too late to organize a Mass Voter Registration Campaign or a permanent registration effort," said Mr. John Calhoun. The group was informed that the deadline for registration is May 5. "This leaves us one whole month in order to register our unregistered citizens. Each county should have a meeting within the next seven days and make a desperate attempt to get as many new registered voters BEFORE MAY 5 as possible," president Williams admonished the group.

The Executive Board of the Southeastern Georgia Crusade for Voters will meet again Saturday, May 2, in Savannah, Georgia.

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Politics and People

Griffin Considers Running for Congress

By REG MURPHY
Constitution Political Editor

Point to a date on the calendar any time soon and you run into political races of considerable importance.

Reg Murphy

Except for Catoosa County, candidates with unzippered mouths are telling voters exactly why they should be elected. Even there, they're sort of whispering it around.

Here are quick notes on a few of them:

Former Gov. Marvin Griffin will decide in two weeks whether to run for Congress in the

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Second District. Friends reportedly are counseling him both ways . . . Another congressional decision is expected soon from State Sen. Zell Miller on the Ninth District seat . . .

Onetime State Chamber of Commerce President Cam Mitchell of Hampton is considering a state senate race against Tom Ellis of McDonough. Observers call it a tight one if it happens . . . Two others interested in that race: Jonesboro realtor Ernest Adamson and dairyman Lamar Northcutt . . .

Apparent successor to Rep. Edgar Blalock in Clayton County is County Commissioner Terrell A. Starr, a two-term commissioner who says taxes have stayed the same while the county has gone into water system expansion, a new jail, new courthouse, planned a juvenile detention home and three new libraries . . . His opponent is Arch Gary, onetime mayor of Riverdale . . .

Bob Andrews of Gainesville, who ran for attorney general two years ago and says he will run again in 1966, is running this year for reelection to the Georgia House . . . Rep. Howard Overby, also of Gainesville, may challenge Sen. Erwin Owens of Dahlonega . . .

Jarvin Levison of Atlanta may be named Fifth District Republican chairman at the convention March 21 . . . Another Atlantan, Alex Bealer, is running actively for state Republican chairman . . . Sen. Joe Tribble of Savannah hasn't decided whether to run for chairman . . .

They're saying that Jack Prince of Gainesville, son-in-law of poultryman Jesse Jewell, still may run against Rep. Phil Landrum or Miller in the Ninth District . . . Republicans haven't come up with an opponent yet for James Mackay in the new Fourth District . . .

And whatever happened to that new elections code to govern all the races?

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O'Neal to Run Against Pilcher For Congress

BAINBRIDGE, Ga. (AP)— A veteran of six successful political races, five without opposition, has declared himself a candidate for the 2nd District Congress seat held by J. L. Pilcher of Meigs.

He is Maston O'Neal, solicitor general of the six-county Albany Judicial Circuit for 22 years. He said that he is prompted to run by a conviction that "the incumbent has neglected the office for several years and never fairly represented the thinking interests of the district."

Pilcher has served since 1953, when he was elected to succeed the late E. E. Cox of Camilla. He seeks renomination to a new two-year term.

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Cheney Griffin Qualifies to Run Again for Mayor

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BAINBRIDGE, Ga. (AP)—A week after resigning as mayor, R. A. (Cheney) Griffin qualified Monday as a candidate to get his job back.

Griffin, a brother of former Gov. Marvin Griffin, said he wants the voters to either endorse or repudiate his stand on being included in a police committee of the city council.

He resigned a week ago during a council meeting when the council votes 5-3 to set up a police committee excluding Griffin.

"The only way I could get this issue before the people was to resign," Griffin said after qualifying as a candidate to succeed himself.

He had asked the council to put the police committee question to a voter referendum. The council refused.

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COUNTIES COMPRISING THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Georgia

County	VAP	WVAP	NVAP	%N	REG	W REG	N REG	%W VAP REG	%N VAP REG	UNREG NVAP
Baker	2424	1139	1285	53.0	1655	1355	300	118.9	23.3	985
Brooks	8770	5059	3711	42.3	3542	3097	445	61.2	11.9	3266
Calhoun	4047	1654	2393	59.1	1830	1685	145	101.9	6.0	2248
Clay	2571	1130	1441	56.0	1050	900	150	79.6	10.4	1291
Colquitt	20063	15982	4081	20.3	12479	11362	1117	71.2	27.4	2964
Crisp	10309	6451	3858	37.4	6084	5194	890	80.7	22.8	2968
Decatur	14584	9069	5515	37.8	9262	8190	1072	90.3	19.4	4443
Dougherty	44060	29897	14163	32.1	16794	11636	5158	38.9	36.4	9005
Early	7290	4013	3277	44.9	3990	3729	261	92.9	8.0	3016
Grady	10569	7205	3364	31.8	4788	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Miller	4041	3095	946	23.4	3226	3220	6	104.0	00.6	940
Mitchell	11026	6055	4971	45.1	8303	7928	375	130.9	7.5	4596
Quitman	1288	581	707	54.9	831	793	38	136.4	5.3	669
Randolph	6541	2878	3663	56.0	2918	2495	423	86.7	11.5	3240
Seminole	3903	2648	1255	32.1	3529	3500	29	132.1	2.3	1226
Terrell	7095	3038	4057	57.2	3063	2935	128	96.6	3.1	3929
Thomas	20823	13179	7644	36.7	10347	8568	1779	65.0	23.2	5865
Tift	13724	10211	3513	25.6	8306	7193	1113	70.4	31.6	2400
Turner	4957	3422	1535	31.0	2901	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Worth	9100	5324	3776	41.5	6151	5855	296	109.9	7.8	3480
TOTAL	207105	132030	75155	36.2	111049	89635	13725	67.8	18.2	56531

Legend: VAP - Voting Age Population
WVAP - White Voting Age Population
NVAP - Negro Voting Age Population
NA - Separate figures for number of white and Negro not available.

The first three columns to the left of the double bar reflect 1960 Census.

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MINUTES OF THE SECOND U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CLINIC

MARCH 28, 1964 - MOULTRIE, GA.

The session was opened with devotions in memory of the late Grand Master John Wesley Dobbs, led by Mr. J. H. Calhoun, Prayer by Rev. E. Adams and remarks by A. R. Hubbard.

The agenda was adopted on motion of Rev. Adams, property seconded and carried. A nominating committee was appointed as follows:

Julian Felton, Colquitt
W. T. Ryee, Colquitt
Walter Miller, Baker
L. H. Hill, Baker
Charlie Williams, Worth
Tilman Frank, Worth
Rev. E. Adams, Decatur
James Cosby, Decatur

Group singing was led by Rev. E. Adams and the Dougherty County Crusade for Voters group.

There were reports from the following counties: Colquitt, Worth, Baker, Early, Dougherty and Decatur. Mr. J. H. Roberson reported on Colquitt County, calling attention to purges of the voting lists, desegregation of polls, jobs in a new aluminium factory, training for the two Moultrie Negro police. He told how within three years registration has been going forward, with present registration 1,400 of which 125 were registered in 1963 and 35-40 this year. Early County reported no bars to registering and polls are integrated; 150 registered in 1963, about 50 in 1964. Three years ago no Negroes were registered in Baker County, according to W. M. Hall, Jr. whose father heads the civic group. In 1962, Josh Williams became interested, but died in 1963. W. M. Hall, Sr. and his son, W. M. Jr., worked with Registrar and the U. S. Civil Rights Commission to register 600, 45-50 this year; officials are cooperating and the Negroes are working on Sheriff Johnson, who seems to be changing. Dougherty County is still experiencing difficulty with apathy and leadership. Chief Prichett, who is a canididate for Sheriff, got night registration on Saturdays; 14,000 Negroes are eligible, less than 5000 are registered. The Decatur County leadership is not progressive; the Sheriff controls Negroes thru liquor.

Mr. Calhoun led a discussion on organizing, after distributing copies of procedure. The group then recessed for lunch, after which voter registration plans were prepared by each county delegation (see copies attached) with urging that they return to their respective

counties and start organising according to the plan, which comes within the seven steps.

The youth remained in the dining room for their separate session, while adults returned to the main auditorium to discuss political education. On bread and meat objectives Mr. Calhoun described achievements in Macon, Savannah and Atlanta in securing jobs and upgrading. Mr. Hall asked for advice on jobs in his rural county of Baker and was told to seek jobs in the tax office, deputy sheriffs, police and in the land allotment program, with youth measuring land during the summer. Mr. Hubbard, of Early County, agreed with Mr. Hall in his statement that meetings of this kind give off ideas and indicated that there is an unsufficient amount of communication among us. He spoke of a new swimming pool, jobs in a new pulpwood mill and other advancements that should be sought. Mr. Roberson of Colquitt felt that Negroes are being too well satisfied in his county, they are receiving benefits from the Albany Movement in jobs without the asking. He hopes that this meeting will be an inspiration to leaders to go forward.

There was a discussionon material showing roles of public officials, also one on public relations, emphasizing the use of communications media and other projects to saturate the community with the idea of registering to vote. Mr. Calhoun promised to send each participant a copy of the attached suggested outline on public relations. Mr. Bolden described citizenship training as given at Dorchester Academy, by SCLC which was commented on by Mr. Calhoun and Rev. J. E. Ross of Waycross, who had attended the center.

The Youth Report was made Miss Shirley Laurence of Dougherty County with the following persons recommended as officers:

Chairman - Alonzo Hubbard, Rt. 1, Box 26, Blakely
Vice Chairman - Franklin Lockett, 1227 Oak Avenue, Bainbridge
Secretary - (Miss) Shirley Laurence, 1007 S. Harding St., Albany
Youth Director - Rev. Samual Wells, 331 Meritts Avenue, Albany

On motion, properly seconded this report was adopted and the officers were declared elected. The Clinic then recessed for dinner. After dinner, the Annual Meeting of the Seventh District Statewide Registration Committee was held. The nominating committee recommended the following officers and executive committee:

District Chairman - Thomas C. Clatman, Dougherty

Vice Chairman - J. R. Roberson, Colquitt
Secretary - J. T. Frank, Worth
Treasurer - W. M. Hall, Jr., Baker
Executive Committee - Samuel Wells, Dougherty
Walter Miller, Baker
D. J. Strong, Colquitt
A. R. Hubbard, Early
Charles Williams, Worth

On proper motion and second, the report was adopted and the officers were declared elected. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

J. H. Roberson, Coordinator

J. H. Calhoun, Chairman
STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
GA. DIRECTOR, VOTER REGISTRATION, SCLC

PERSONS ATTENDING 2ND N. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC - MOULTRIE, GA.

MARCH 28, 1964

COUNTY	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE
Henry	Miss Mary Lemon (A)	Route 1, Box 131	McDonough, Ga.
Fulton	Mr. J. H. Calhoun (A)	243 Auburn Ave., N. E.	Atlanta, Ga.
Colquitt	Mr. George R. Kendrick (A)	513 2nd Ave., N. W.	Moultrie, Ga.
	Mrs. Z. H. Alderman (A)	808 4th St., N. E.	Moultrie, Ga.
	Mrs. Vernita Strong (A)	125 5th Ave., N. W.	Moultrie, Ga.
	Mr. W. F. Ryce(A)	723 3rd Ave., N. W.	Moultrie, Ga.
	Mrs. Christine Robinson (A)	506 1st Ave., N. W.	Moultrie, Ga.
	Mrs. Bernice Walls (A)	723 2nd St., N. E.	Moultrie, Ga.
	Mrs. Ruth B. Ryce (A)	723 3rd Ave., N. W.	Moultrie, Ga.
	Miss Carolyn Thompson (Y)	205 7th St., N. W.	Moultrie, Ga.
	Mr. Joseph Roberson (Y)	506 1st Ave., N. W.	Moultrie, Ga.
	Mr. O. J. Strong (Y)	122 5th Ave., N. W.	Moultrie, Ga.
	Mr. J. H. Roberson (A)	506 1st Ave., N. W.	Moultrie, Ga.
	Mr. Julian Felton (A)	236 1st Ave., N. W.	Moultrie, Ga.
Baker	Mr. Walter Miller (A)	Route 2, Box 131	Newton, Ga.
	Mr. L. H. Hall (A)	Route 2, Box 84	Newton, Ga.
Dougherty	Miss Margaret Sanders (Y)	707 Corn Ave.	Albany, Ga.
Decatur	Mr. James Cospy (Y)	8 West College St.	Bainbridge, Ga.
	Rev. E. Adams, Jr. (A)	527 College St.	Bainbridge, Ga.
	Mr. Richard Roll (Y)	1310 Carter	Bainbridge, Ga.
	Mr. Franklin Lockett (Y)	1227 Oak Avenue	Bainbridge, Ga.
Early	Mr. A. R. Hubbard (A)	Howell Ave., Apt. Q-3	Blakely, Ga.
	Mr. G. F. Frank (A)	Route 3, Box 804	Blakely, Ga.
	Mr. Alonzo Hubbard (Y)	Route 1, Box 26	Blakely, Ga.
	Mr. A. C. Cowthon (Y)	Route 4, Box 93	Blakely, Ga.
Worth	Mr. Charlie Williams (A)	General Delivery	Pouland, Ga.
	Mr. Tilman French (A)	Box 71	Pouland, Ga.
Dougherty	Mr. Thomas Chatman (A)	301 Highland Ave.	Albany, Ga.
	Miss Loretta M. Christian (Y)	534 Holloway	Albany, Ga.
	Miss Eunice Lawaken (Y)	1007 S. Harding	Albany, Ga.
	Miss Betty Ucalay (Y)	712 Holloway	Albany, Ga.
	Miss Altomesoe Ford (Y)	434 Cheky Ave.	Albany, Ga.
	Mr. Samual B. Wells (A)	331 Merritt St.	Albany, Ga.
	Miss Shirley Lawrence (Y)	1007 S. Harding	Albany, Ga.
Chatham	Mr. Willie Bolden (A)	416 West Park Ave.	Savannah, Ga.
Ware	Rev. J. E. Ross (A)	913 Daniel St.	Waycross, Ga.
Brooks	Mr. Frank Thomas (A)	518 N. Warren St.	Quitman, Ga.

ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE

DIST.	COUNTY	ADULTS	YOUTH	TOTAL
II	Henry	1	0	1
	Fulton	1	0	1
	Colquitt	9	3	12
	Baker	2	0	2
	Dougherty	2	6	8
	Decatur	1	3	4
	Early	2	2	4
	Worth	2	0	2
	Chatham	1	0	1
	Ware	1	0	1
	Brooks	1	0	1
TOTALS		23	14	37

COMPLETE TOTAL - 37

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10:30 AM Reports from Counties - J. H. Calhoun, Chairman, Statewide Registration Committee

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2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization [redacted]
3. Chairman's name and address _____
4. Campaigns - 1963 _____ to _____ 1964 _____ to _____
5. Total Registration ___ Negro Registration [redacted] Negro Potential ____
6. Registered - 1963 _____ 1964 _____ No. of Volunteer Workers ____
7. Name of Political Organization _____
8. Name and address of chairman _____
9. Significant achievements [redacted]

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3. Chairman's name and address _____
4. Campaigns - 1963 _____ to _____ 1964 _____ to _____
5. Total Registration ____ Negro Registration 700 Negro Potential ____
6. Registered - 1963 _____ 1964 _____ No. of Volunteer Workers ____
7. Name of Political Organization _____
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9. Significant achievements League not progressive, no improvements, segregated polling places. School bond issue voted recently. Power in hands of local police. Sheriff White controls Negroes thru bootleggers.

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8. Name and address of chairman ____
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4. Campaigns - 1963 continual to 1964 to
5. Total Registration Negro Registration 500 Negro Potential
6. Registered - 1963 100 1964 35 No. of Volunteer Workers 2-3
7. Name of Political Organization None
8. Name and address of chairman None
9. Significant achievements House to house canvass work on street. Registrars friendly when accompanied by committeeman; candidates seek voters. No separate registration lists or voting booths. Good sheriff and candidates help.

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DOUGHERTY COUNTY

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3. Chairman's name and address Thos. Chatman, 903 Doresett
4. Campaigns - 1963 Dec. to Jan. 1964 Jan. to Present
5. Total Registration ___ Negro Registration ___ Negro Potential ___
6. Registered - 1963 20 1964 136 No. of Volunteer Workers ___
7. Name of Political Organization ___
8. Name and address of chairman ___
9. Significant achievements Voter-Registration parade Jan. 11 helped, Mayor gave use of park - 2 high school bands, ministers and churches, radio 26 organizations helping with canvassing. Chief Pritchett candidate for Sheriff got night registration 14,000 Negroes eligible, only 5,000 registered

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10:30 AM Reports from Counties - J. H. Calhoun, Chairman, Statewide Registration Committee

COLQUITT COUNTY

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2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Colquitt County Voters Civic League
3. Chairman's name and address J. H. Roberson, 506 1st Ave., N. W., Moultrie, Ga.
4. Campaigns - 1963 Sept. to Dec. 1964 None to
5. Total Registration 1,398 Negro Registration 1,398 Negro Potential
6. Registered - 1963 125 1964 35-40 No. of Volunteer Workers
7. Name of Political Organization Same
8. Name and address of chairman Same
9. Significant achievements Apathy exists - No difficulty in registering. Obtained jobs in aluminum factory just opened 150 whites 35-40 Negroes, 2 Negro police and patrol car, trained. Eliminated segregated polls.

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COMMITTEE - MOULTRIE, GEORGIA - MARCH 28, 1964 - SUGGESTED AGENDA

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4. Campaigns - 1963 Continous 1964 Every to 1st Thursday
5. Total Registration 1700 Negro Registration 600 Negro Potential
6. Registered - 1963 45 1964 45-50 No. of Volunteer Workers
7. Name of Political Organization Same
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9. Significant achievements Trouble in 1962; Josh Williams died in 1963. Talked with Board of Registrars; Bill of Civil Rights Commission opened the way. People were afraid, hand to be taken down and encouraged. Register voluntarily every Negroes out number whites.

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PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
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Site - County, City or Section DECATUR (BAINBRIDGE)

Size of Negro Population 12,000

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) UK Negroes 700

Potential Negro Registered Voters 1,100 Goal UK

Period of Time -- Target Dates From March 28, 1964 to May 2, 1964

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
The Project Area	15	Pepper Hill	5
Pear Orchard	3	Bishop Bottom	3
Free Will	10	Climax	3
Battle Quarter	10	Brinson	3
Subdivision	3	Attapulgus	5

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 60

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Nelson Chapel Church
2 ~~First A. B.~~
3 ~~Macedonia~~
4 ~~Ford Chapel~~
5 ~~F. T. A.~~
6 ~~Baron & Burnet~~
7 ~~Elks~~
8 ~~American Legion Post (502)~~
9 ~~Elite Club~~
10 ~~Honor Society~~
11 ~~F. T. A.~~
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Site - County, City or Section DOUGHERTY

Size of Negro Population 26,000

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 14,000 Negroes 5,000

Potential Negro Registered Voters 14,000 Goal 2,000

Period of Time -- Target Dates From 1-11-64 to 5-6-64

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Rag Dales	13	Coachman Park	18
C. M. E.	19		
Lincoln Height	17		
Harlem	16		
East Albany	125		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 208

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 S. C. L. C.
2 N. A. A. C. P.
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4 Coalition
5 I. Teen
6 Fidelity Fund Club
7 Tot & Teen
8 Delta Sigm Theta
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13 Willie Bolden
14 Rev. M. F. Adam
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Site - County, City or Section COLQUITT COUNTY (MOULTRIE)

Size of Negro Population 6,000

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 11,444 Negroes 1,400

Potential Negro Registered Voters 3,000 Goal 200

Period of Time -- Target Dates From 3/28/64 to 5/2/64

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Northwest	10	Berlin	1
Northeast	1	Hartsfield	2
Southeast	1	Ellenton	2
Dora	4	Funston	1
Norman Park	1		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 23

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Women Voters League
2 American Legion
3 Women's Federated Club
4 Schriner's Club
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STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - S. C. L. C. - BULLETIN NO. 3

PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section EARLY (BLAKELY, GA.)

Size of Negro Population 8,000

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 5,000 Negroes 700

Potential Negro Registered Voters 1,500 Goal 150

Period of Time -- Target Dates From 1/28/64 to 5/2/64

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Cedar Springs	3		
Ewville	3		
Jakin	2		
Damascus	3		
Blakely	5		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 15

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Early County Civics Organization
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Site - County, City or Section BROOKS (QUITMAN)

Size of Negro Population 7,000

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 5,000 Negroes 400

Potential Negro Registered Voters 3,000 Goal 500

Period of Time -- Target Dates From 3/28/64 to 5/2/64

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Quitman	10	Barwick	3
Morven	5		
Dixie	5		
Empress	3		
Barney	3		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas _____

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Mason's (L. H. Chisholm)
2 Voters League (Frank Thomas)
3 Bethlem AME Church
4 Graham Chapel
5 Baptist Church (Quitman)
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PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section WORTH COUNTY

Size of Negro Population 5,000 White

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) _____ Negroes 500

Potential Negro Registered Voters 500 Goal 1,000

Period of Time -- Target Dates From March 28 to May 1

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Sumner, Ga.	1	Oafields, Ga.	2
Shingley, Ga.	2	Bridge Bear, Ga.	2
Poulan, Ga.	3		
Dales, Ga.	2		
Warwick, Ga.	3		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas _____

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Worth County Citizens Committee
2 Poulan Willing Workers Club
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(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section BAKER COUNTY (NEWTON)

Size of Negro Population 5,000

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 500 Negroes 17,000

Potential Negro Registered Voters 22,000 Goal 200

Period of Time -- Target Dates From 3-3-64 to

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Dist. 7	2	Dist. & Sect.	7-8-9-12
8	2		
9	2		
12	2		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 6

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Baker Co. Voters
2 Green Grove CMEC
3 Franklin Baptist Church
4 St. Matthews
5 Pleasant Grove
6 Belmont
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13 Chairman W. M. Hall, Sr.
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Chairman W. M. Hall, Sr. Address Rt. 2, Box 84, Newton, Ga.

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PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
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Site - County, City or Section BAKER COUNTY (NEWTON)

Size of Negro Population 5,000

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 500 Negroes 27,000

Potential Negro Registered Voters 22,000 Goal 200

Period of Time -- Target Dates From 3-3-64 to

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Dist. 7	2	Dist. & Sect.	7-8-9-12
8	2		
9	2		
12	2		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 6

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Baker Co. Voters
2 Green Grove CME
3 Franklin Baptist Church
4 St. Mathews
5 Pleasant Grove
6 Belmont
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13 Chairman W. M. Hall, Sr.
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Chairman W. M. Hall, Sr. Address Rt. 2, Box 84, Newton, Ga.

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/ STEERING COMMITTEE /

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Negro Qualifies For Georgia Race

Pittsburgh Courier. 4/5/62.

ATLANTA (AP) — An Albany, Ga., attorney, C. B. King, Saturday became the first Negro to qualify as a candidate for Congress in modern Georgia history.

King, long active in defending civil rights demonstrators, qualified for the seat now held by Rep. J. L. Pilcher who is serving his sixth term from the 2nd Georgia district.

One of King's longtime opponents in the court room, Maston O'Neal, solicitor general (prosecutor) of the Albany Judicial Circuit, also qualified as a candiate against Pilcher.

The district is a block of 20 counties in southwest Georgia. The 1960 census lists 210,926 white residents and 147,557 Negroes in the 20 counties. Voter registration lists for the district were not immediately available.

King, 40, is a graduate of Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., and Western Reserve University Law School in Ohio. A veteran of Navy service in the Pacific in World War II, he is married and the father of five children.

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2nd Congr. Dist. Ga.

Five Seeking Pilcher's Seat In 2nd District

SYLVESTER, Ga. (AP)—Five candidates are in the running for the 2nd District congressional seat, since Rep. J. L. Pilcher decided not to seek reelection.

David Jones, an attorney and businessman of Sylvester, said Friday he plans to enter the race. He has served in the legislature from Jones County for about 12 years.

Others in the race are Harry L. Wingate of Pelham, a staff member of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee; state Rep. James W. Jeyton of Thomasville; Solicitor General Maston O'Neal of Bainbridge and a Negro attorney, C. B. King of Albany.

Jones, 35, is a practicing attorney and is in the real estate and insurance business.

He said part of his campaign would be devoted to efforts to have U.S 82 and U.S. 19 added to the federal system of interstate highways.

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Ga.

King's Congressional Race Spurs Voter Registration

Atl. World 5-3-64

ALBANY, Ga. — (SNS)—

The registration drive among Albany Negroes has been greatly stimulated by Attorney C. B. King's campaign for Congress, according to Albany Movement registration workers. Since Atty. King announced his candidacy, April over 400 Negroes have registered for the vote in Albany.

Though the Democratic Primary will not be held until September Atty. King says that he has begun serious campaigning in order to impress upon Negroes all ovtr the second district the importance of registering. Apathy in the past about registering has been justified, he says, because Negroes have never had any real choices to make at the polls—at best the choice between more and less outspoken racists.

But Atty. King will be challenging the other candidates on issues from integration to federal aid for education; he feels his candidacy will offer Negro voters a real choice for the first time in south Georgia post-reconstruction history and so gives them concrete reason to register for the vote today.

By May 2, the registration deadline for the September primary, Atty. King will have spoken at rallies in Randolph, Decatur, Thomas, Crisp, Tift and Dougherty Counties. During the summer, he will speak in each of these counties again—as well as every other county in the district.

Tuesday night, Atty. King addressed a crowd of about 500 Negroes at the American Legion in Thomasville. He pledged that if he were elected he would work to extend federal minimum wage laws to cover maids and farm-workers—both of whom are now throughly exploited not only in South Georgia but all over the country.

Atty. King said that he recognized that literacy laws still prevent many Negroes in the south—and in Georgia's second congressional district—from registering. The civil rights bill, now in Congress, which established as a minimum standard for voting a sixth grade education, does not go far enough in wiping away the stain of olitical discrimination against Negroes in this country, he said. Atty. King said that if he became a Congressman, he would work to abolish literacy laws from statute books all over the nation.

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PERSONS ATTENDING 3RD U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC

COLUMBUS, GA. - FEBRUARY 29, 1964

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COUNTY	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE
Muscogee	Miss Eva M. Harris	410 19th Street	Columbus, Ga.
	Miss Mary Ann Williams	408 19th Street	Columbus, Ga.
	Mr. Vernon Mitchell	500½ 9th Street	Columbus, Ga.
	Rev. W. R. Walter	1304 Central Street	Columbus, Ga.
	Rev. W. J. Reynolds	540 Chesterfield Avenue	Columbus, Ga.
	Mr. A. W. Foster	520 Chesterfield Avenue	Columbus, Ga.
	(Miss) Levater Fluella	411C Booker T. Washington Apt.	Columbus, Ga.
	Mr. C. B. Marshall	1244 9th Street	Columbus, Ga.
	Mr. Sam Sapp	833 9th Avenue	Columbus, Ga.
	Mr. G. F. Rivers, Sr.	632 Second Avenue	Columbus, Ga.
	Mr. Whit Battle	1214 9th Avenue	Columbus, Ga.
	Mr. Nathan Carter	1822 Third Avenue	
	Mrs. Betty J. King	1543 Fifth Avenue	Columbus, Ga.
	Miss Blanche Ross	406 19th Street	Columbus, Ga.
	Miss Marie Dixon	2017 Pew Street	Columbus, Ga.
Dooly	Mrs. Lucile Kendrick	P. O. Box 203	Unadilla, Ga.
	Mr. J. W. Childs	Route 2, Box 123	Unadilla, Ga.
	Mr. Alvie Coles	Route 3	Vienna, Ga.
	Miss Armada Celey	Route 3, Box 74	Vienna, Ga.
	Miss Dorothy Latson	Route 3, Box 102	Vienna, Ga.
	Mr. Willie M. Thornton	Route 3, Box 88	Vienna, Ga.
	Mr. Elijh Holt	Route 3, Box 151	Vienna, Ga.
	Mr. Edward Childs	Route 2, Box 123	Unadilla, Ga.
	Mr. Willie Jones	809 Union Street	Vienna, Ga.
	Mr. Alvin Goes	Route 3	Vienna, Ga.
	Miss Maldred Childs	Route 2, Box 123	Unadilla, Ga.
	Mr. Mytris Coley	Route 3, Box 149	Vienna, Ga.
	Mr. Henry Holt	Route 3	Vienna, Ga.
	Mr. H. J. Chaney	Route 1	Unadilla, Ga.
Fulton	Rev. Andrew Young	177 Chicamauga Place	Atlanta, Ga.
	Mrs. Barbara Whitaker	5 Forsyth Street	Atlanta, Ga.
	Mr. J. H. Calhoun	243 Auburn Avenue, N. E.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Mrs. Juanita Dainels	25 Burbank Drive, S. W.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Rev. Daniel Harrell	25 Burbank Drive, S. W.	Atlanta, Ga.
Chattahooche	Rev. R. C. Carter	P. O. Box 15	Chatta-hooche, Ga.

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3RD DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC - COLUMBUS, GA. - FEB. 29, 1964

The meeting was opened with devotions as a memorial to the late John Wesley Dobbs, led by Rev. F. C. Bennette. Staff members were introduced by Mr. Vernon Mitchell, who presided: J. H. Calhoun, Chairman, Rev. Fred C. Bennette, Field Secretary, SCLC., and Mrs. Daniel, SCLC. The agenda was adopted and the chairman appointed the following Nominating Committee:

Sam Sapp, Muscogee
(Miss) Eva Harris, Muscogee
(Miss) Betty King, Muscogee
Henry Holt, Dooly
H. J. Chaney, Dooly
Rev. R. C. Carter, Chattahoochee

Reports from counties were conducted by Mr. Calhoun, with the assistance of Mrs. Blanche Ross, Mrs. Eva Harris, Nathan Carter, Mrs. Betty King and Mrs. Lula Brown.

Muscogee - Registration has been conducted by the Muscogee County Voter - Registration Committee, the Columbus Branch, NAACP and the Muscogee County Registration Council, headed by Mrs. Blanche Ross, G. W. Ford and Sam Sapp, respectively. There were three campaigns in 1963; total registration for the county is 39,000 with 5,316 as the latest figure on Negroes (Possibly the list has been purged again). The number of Negroes eligible in 1960 was 22, 549 and it is claimed that approximately 3,000 were registered in 1963 thru about 200 volunteer workers. The Non-Partisan Voters League, headed by Prof. B. F. Lawton, is the leading political organization. A new campaign is to start with a mass meeting next Tuesday night.

Dooly - There is no registration or political organization. There are 950 to 1,000 Negro registered voters, with a potential of 2,866 in 1960. About 250 Negroes were registered in 1963 and 25 this year with about 7 persons working. Negroes vote together thru leadership contacts with candidates and communicating with an organization of some 21 Negro uniformed bus drivers, who have received high commendations from county officials, as well as, the State Department of Education, for their community activities thruout the county. One of their successful projects was the paving of the school yard by the County Commissioners.

Chattahoochee - There is no community organization. Voter registration has been

carried out as a personal project of Rev. R. C. Carter. About 125 registered Negro voters are now on the books; 75 to 80 were registered last year and 25 this year. The Negro potential in 1960 was 1,830. This is the first time Chattahoochee County has been represented at one of the meetings or clinics.

Mr. Calhoun outlined organizational procedures as set forth in the Citizenship Clinic Manual, which was followed by a discussion of fund raising. Mr. Mitchell reported on how individual citizens, especially professional men, were contacted in Columbus, when money was needed for transportation. It was agreed that, beginning with the initial meeting of a small group of interested citizens, voluntary contributions should be accepted for refreshments, followed by collections for rent, telephone, supplies, clerical work, publicity and transportation. It was also advised that a budget be prepared in advance, the community committed to raising a portion of it and asking regional organizations to make contributions, like SCLC, NAACP and VEP. Local initiative was emphasized.

The counties then assembled separately to prepare voter registration plans, assisted by the same local staff (See reports attached). This period was followed by workshops on Political Education, conducted by Mr. Calhoun (See attached). The film "Knock on Every Door," was exhibited by Rev. Bennette. Rev. Andrew Young carried out an appraisal discussion on the film followed by an explansation of the SCLC Citizenship Training Program.

Mr. Calhoun led a discussion on public relations, indicating the possibilities of:

I Public service time on TV and Radio

II Taped interviews or skits by popular entertainers, gospel singers, radio and TV personalities; exchanged over the state.

III Daily newspaper publicity and advertising

IV Demonstrations: parades, gospel sings and shows at the scene of registration

Points brought out in the discussion were:

I Many persons are afraid of test - Use radio to enlighten them.

II Dooly County is registering persons by signing "Mark."

III Large gatherings attended by whites may be used to plocate nervous persons

A. Some persons need to be accompanied.

B. Candidates seeking votes encourage registration.

IV Neighborhood registration should be investigated for each county.

A recess was taken at this point, during which sandwiches and drinks were served. After the recess the district meeting of the Statewide Registration Committee was called.

The nominating committee made its report, recommending the following officers: District Chairman: Vernon Mitchell, Muscogee, Dist. Vice Chairman: Alvie Coes, Sr., Dooly, Secretary: Mrs. Blanche Ross, Muscogee, Treasurer: Sam Sapp, Muscogee.

On motion, properly seconded, the committee's report was approved and the officers recommended were elected. There being no further business the session adjourned for dinner.

Registration for the clinic showed the following.

County	Adults	Youth	Total
Muscogee	3	12	15
Dooly	4	10	14
Chattahoochee	1	0	1
Fulton (Staff)	5	0	5
Totals	13	22	35

J. H. Calhoun, Chairman
Statewide Registration Committee
Ga. Director, Voter Registration, SCLC

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - S. C. L. C. BULLETIN NO. 3

PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section DOOLY COUNTY

Size of Negro Population 6,027

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 6,000 Negroes 1,000

Potential Negro Registered Voters 2,000 Goal 500

Period of Time -- Target Dates From _____ to _____

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Vienna	6	Pinehurst	3
Unadilla	4	Drayton	2
Byronville	3	Tippettville	2
Lilly	2	Finley	2
Dooling	2		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 26

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Dooley Co., Colored Bus. Drivers' Club
2 Vienna High & Industrial School, Mr. W.
3 " " " "
4 Rev. J. Y. Glover, Principal Unadilla
5 Mr. E. K. Chesney " Vienna
6 Mr. Frank Williams " Byronville
7 Prince Hall Masonic Lodge, C. B. Brown
8 Order of Eastern Star, Mrs. Willie Coles
9 Christmas Savings Club Mr. W. H. Battle
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13 Mr. John Child, Rt. 2, Box 123, Unadilla, Ga.
14 L. Ford, Counselor, Vienna, Ga. 268-5401
15 Mr. N. Williams, Principal " " "
16 Elementary School, Unadilla, Ga.
17 " " Vienna, Ga.
18 " " Byronville, Ga.
19 2312 Ballard Drive, Macon 5-3414
20 Route 1, Pinehurst, Ga.
21 Vienna, Ga.
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Temporary Chairman Mr. Alvin Coes Address Rt. 3, Vienna, Ga. Tel. 268-8361

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STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - S. C. L. C. - BULLETIN NO. 3

PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section CHATTAHOOCHEE (CUSSETA) COUNTY

Size of Negro Population 2,377

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) _____ Negroes 125

Potential Negro Registered Voters 1,830 Goal 150

Period of Time -- Target Dates From 3/2 to 3/2/64

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas _____

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

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Temporary Chairman Rev. R. C. Carter Address P. O. Box 15, Cusseta, Ga.

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STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - S. C. L. C. BULLETIN NO. 3

PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section MUSCOGEE (COLUMBUS) COUNTY

Size of Negro Population 38,453

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 39,000 Negroes 5,316

Potential Negro Registered Voters 22,549 Goal 1,500

Period of Time -- Target Dates From 3/3 to 5/2/64

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Realwood Heights	150	Kendrix Survey	20
East Highland	25	Washington Heights	200
Carver Heights	200	Willis Plaza	20
Wynton	400	North Highland	175
Elizabeth County	50	Downtown	250

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 1,490

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Non-Partisan Voters League
2 Muscogee County Registration Council
3 Muscogee County Registration Committee
4 Columbus Branch NAACP
5 Elizabeth County Citizens Council
6 Citizens Committee
7 Prince Hall Masons
8 NAACP Youth Council
9 Young Men's Progressive Club
10 S. C. C.
11 Faith Seekers
12 All Churches & Alliances
13 B. F. Lawton Pres., 2062 Mason St.
14 Sam Sapp, 833 9th Ave.
15 Mrs. Blanche Ross, 406 19th St.
16 G. W. Ford, Pres., 2629 Buena Vista Rd.
17 Tommie Phillips
18 G. B. Marshall, Pres., 1214 9th St.
19 Masonic Temple 819 6th Ave.
20 Mrs. Jean Denton, 810 6th Ave.
21 G. W. Ford, Pres., 2629 Buena Vista Rd.
22 H. F. Jackson, Pres.
23 Joe Frazier, 424 Second Ave.
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Chairman Mrs. Blanche Ross Address 406 19th Street, Columbus

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STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

POLITICAL EDUCATION - ROLES OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN GEORGIA - 1964

I. Cities and Towns

A. Mayor - Chief Officer, elected usually in special elections and in most cases by special city voter registration lists. In These cities and towns, a voter must register at the city hall for these special elections and at the courthouse for county, state and national elections. The mayor may veto legislation passed by the city council or board of aldermen, and usually is responsible for management of city departments like police, sanitary, water, sewer and other facilities provided by the city.

B. City Council or Board of Aldermen - Responsible for legislation called ordinances, as allowed in a charter granted by the State Legislature. The members usually work thru committees and in many places citizens may express themselves only at hearings conducted by the Council or its committees.
It is before these bodies that protests should be made and to whom petitions for services like city street improvements, paving, sidewalks, sewers, water, garbage collections, zoning, building permits, police protection and public housing, as well as, urban renewal should be submitted.

C. Police are usually managed by a Chief, selected by the Mayor and City Council or Board of Aldermen. Their jurisdiction is limited to the city, except in instances like Fulton County, where an agreement has been made for the City to police both.

D. Board of Education - In some large cities the City has an independent school system, but in most counties the County Board administers public schools for both city and county. There is a superintendent, sometimes elected and in other instances appointed by the school board.
Some counties have Negro trustees to make up for not having them on the board, to help in management of schools. The effectiveness of such arrangements depends upon the quality of the trustees and the fairness of the white board members. The best approach to any school problem is thru the PTA, where it can be representative of the parents, rather than the school principal and superintendent. Usually the Board of Education is responsible only to the electorate so long as it conforms to the state laws and rules of the State Department of Education.

II. Counties

A. Commissioners of Roads and Revenues
Outside of the 7 or 8 major Georgia Cities: Atlanta, Decatur, Savannah, Macon, Augusta, Columbus and possibly Marietta, as well as, Albany, the county officers wield more influence than city officials. County commissioners do not legislate, but they levy and spend taxes. Therefore, outside the cities, most of the services provided, except for schools, are supplied by county government and therefore most appeals and protests must be made to the "County Commissioners."

B. Sheriffs - In other than these some 7 or 8 counties, this is the chief officer. He is elected and his political influence is the greatest, except in some cases, it might be challenged by the Superior Court Judge. The sheriff usually represents the sentiment of the county; he knows more people and usually he and his deputies rule the courthouse, where decisions are made.

C. Judicial Procedure is administered by the County Grand Jury, the Circuit Superior Court Judge and Solicitor of the judicial circuit. In some instances, the City Court is really the County Court, whereas violations of City ordinances are handled by the police and municipal courts. Usually there are two terms, Spring and Fall, of county courts, whose judges try state cases. Traffic violations of state laws are handled by the State Patrol turning them over to sheriffs of the respective counties and prosecution in county courts.

IV. Bond Issues are highly important, most permanent improvements: schools, highways, streets, sewers, hospitals and public buildings are financed in this manner. Citizens should be alert to see that their interests are protected in bond issues. There is always a hard core of voters against them because they mean increased taxes, therefore officials are solicitors of your votes in these elections.

Referendums are also important and should be examined carefully and acted upon in the same manner as other elections.

V. State Services - State Patrol, State Departments of Revenue, Education, etc., should be approached thru committees of statewide organizations and county organizations should seek help from them on state problems.

VI. General

A. State Officials - The governor, lieutenant governor, Revenue Commissioner, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture and Insurance Commissioner are elected. Other state officers are appointed. The lieutenant governor presides over the Senate.

B. The ten U. S. Congressmen are elected by their respective districts every two years in the general election.

C. The two U. S. Congressmen are elected statewide for terms of four and six years, alternately.

D. Members of the State Legislature, Senators and Representatives are elected every two years from state senatorial or state legislative districts. Under the present Georgia laws both groups are elected county-wide in multiple district counties and district wide in others. There is a suit pending in Federal Court against county-wide voting on state senators.

3-24 3rd Cong. Dist.

Sen. Smith May Enter House Race

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State Sen. Stanley E. Smith Jr. of Perry Monday was reported ready to announce as a candidate for the 3rd Congressional District's seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Smith is the fourth potential candidate for the seat now held by Rep. E. L. (Tic) Forrester of Leesburg. Others believed ready to run for the post if Forrester steps down are State Sen. Garland Byrd of Reynolds, Stephen Pace Jr. of Americus and Erle Cocke Jr. of Dawson.

Forrester reportedly prepared a letter to the 3rd District Democratic Executive Committee stating that he will not offer for re-election because of his health. He has represented the 3rd District in Congress for 14 years.

Pace is the only announced candidate for the House seat, but there is wide speculation that Byrd, a former lieutenant governor of Georgia, will announce immediately after Forrester makes his intentions known.

Cocke, a former American Legion national commander and now U.S. representative to the World Bank, reportedly is considering moving into the 3rd District to offer for Forrester's seat.

However, there is some question as to whether Cocke could legally qualify in the 3rd District, since he now lives in the 2nd District. The Georgia code requires that a candidate reside in the district in which he chooses to run for a minimum of 12 months before the election.

Some supporters of Cocke contend that, since redistricting took place this year, he might be eligible to move into the 3rd District and run.

The Congressional Race

The retirement of Rep. E. L. (Tic) Forrester, after 14 years in the House of Representatives, will present the voters of the Third District with one of their rare opportunities to select a congressman.

Actually, the chance is available every two years, but except when an incumbent declines to run, competition for the post is generally lacking in this district.

During his tenure, Rep. Forrester was challenged on only one occasion, and the opponent was a lightweight, who lacked an organization, and had ideas about waging a "preventive" war against Russia.

Before Mr. Forrester went to Washington, Stephen Pace of Americus held forth for 14 years. Thus, the voters should take special care this year because the odds are that they will be selecting a man who will serve them much longer than the two-year term which is technically at stake.

Former Rep. Pace's son, Stephen Jr., the present solicitor of the circuit around Americus, is an announced candidate to succeed Forrester, and Garland Byrd of Reynolds will announce this week.

The Third District, as redrawn by the state legislature a few weeks ago, lost about 80,000 population, and thus its largest county, Muscogee, gained a stronger voice in the congressional decision.

Under the county unit system, Muscogee had little to say about who the district's congressman would be, and although this county has fared well by the representatives sent from the Third, the simple fact is that a Columbus man has never represented the district.

Strangely, despite the county's expanded voting power, chances are that a good many more years may pass before a Columbus man sits in the U.S. House.

Columbus has a number of citizens who would make capable and effective congressmen. But none of them has expressed a desire to seek the post. The definite announcement of Forrester's retirement could engender interest, but even so, a Columbus man would be bucking stiff competition in former Lieutenant Governor Byrd. Solicitor Pace's strength is less certain.

A third possible contender is Erle Cocke Jr., the former national American Legion commander, who has held several important Washington jobs during the past 10 years.

Cocke faces one large obstacle. He doesn't live in the Third District. His home county of Terrell was placed in the Second by the new districting plan.

Exactly how he might overcome that problem isn't clear. A person must have resided in a county for six months prior to the day of an election to be eligible to vote. If Cocke moved to Columbus today, he would be more than a week late for establishing residency requirements for the September primary.

Another name which keeps cropping up, and has been, in fact, since the legislative session, is State Sen. Stanley Smith of Perry, Ga.

Smith is virtually unknown in this end of the district, but he has made an impressive showing as a state senator. Houston, his home county, is the second largest in the district, and together with the other eastern fringe counties, will cast about one-third of the total vote.

By coupling that vote with a reasonable percentage in Muscogee, Smith might have a chance.

In any case, the 1964 congressional race promises to be the liveliest in recent history. And don't be surprised if the Democratic survivor has to face a formidable challenge from a Republican in November.

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Forrester Reveals Retirement Plans; Byrd to Seek Office

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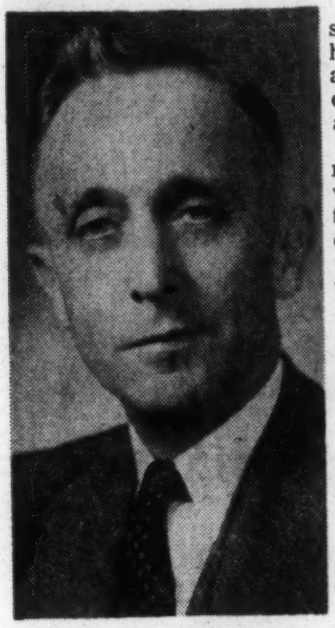
(3rd Cong. Dist. Ga.)

By BEN WALBURN
Enquirer Managing Editor

Rep. E. L. (Tic) Forrester announced Wednesday that he will call it quits after 14 years in Congress and not offer for re-election from the 3rd District this year.



REP. E. L. FORRESTER

Forrester, 67, said his decision was based on advice given him by doctors who have examined him in connection with circulatory trouble which now affects his walking.

Following closely behind Forrester's announcement that he would call it quits after this term, State Sen. Garland Byrd of Reynolds confirmed reports that he will be a candidate to succeed the Leesburg legislator.

Byrd said late Wednesday that he will make a formal announcement of his candidacy Friday morning. Already a candidate is Stephen Pace Jr. of Americus, solicitor general of the Southwestern Judicial Circuit.

Other Prospects

Also considered prime prospects for the campaign are Erle Cocke Jr. of Dawson, a former American Legion national commander and now U. S. representative to the World Bank, Ed Wohlwender of Columbus and State Sen. Stanley Smith Jr. of Perry.

Columbus City Commissioner Steve Knight Wednesday scotched rumors that he would offer for the House post. Knight indicated he would seek re-election to City Commission this year.

The Associated Press reported from Washington that Forrester, announced his decision not to run through his secretary. Forrester, according to AP, has been troubled with a sore throat and has been in Bethesda Naval Hospital several days for physical checkup.

Forrester, in a statement prepared for release this morning, gave bad health as a reason for his not seeking an eighth term in office.

Quotes Doctors

In his statement, prepared for release today, Forrester said he has been advised by "highly competent doctors and diagnosticians that the activities and stress of a political campaign, in conjunction with the performance of the arduous and never-ending duties of a congressman during the gravest period of danger and confusion known to the human race, could prove detrimental to my health."

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Forrester said his decision was made "as a result of physical examinations just concluded."

"In view of this advice from the doctors, I am hereby announcing that I will not be a candidate to succeed myself in Congress," Forrester stated. "This, of course, is a great disappointment to me, and I firmly believe that the majority of the people of the Third District would return me to Congress."

Expresses Thanks

Forrester expressed thanks for "the privilege I have had to serve the people of our district, for they are wonderful and deserving people."

He said that, as long as he lives, he "will appreciate the opportunity of being of every service possible."

Forrester added that he regrets that his decision to retire will prevent him from serving the new counties added to the 3rd District this year by the General Assembly redistricting plan.

He said some of these new counties "were formerly in our district, and I agree with their philosophies and they with mine."

Words Inadequate

Words, he added, are "completely inadequate for me to express the deep affection and gratitude I hold for our district, our state and our nation."

Forrester said he has maintained the office entrusted to him "with all the ability, fidelity and energy I possess. I have been unusually fortunate. The people have honored me as few in our district have ever been honored, and their kindnesses to me over the years will never be forgotten and their friendship will sustain me through the years."

In a second statement mailed to The Enquirer, Rep. Forrester said his health was satisfactory after he left a hospital in Augusta last year, and that at that time he was contemplating a campaign to succeed himself in the House.

However, Forrested said, he was in Georgia during the last General Assembly session and noticed "a little difficulty in walking."

"Doctors were consulted and I was advised that I had a circulatory trouble which was affecting my walking," Forrester's statement said.

Diagnoses Confirmed

He added that he had further checkups in Washington, and the diagnoses of doctors "down home were confirmed."

"This circulatory trouble is new. As soon as I received the recommendation of the doctors regarding my condition, I immediately took steps to notify the members of the Congressional Democratic Committee and to furnish statement to the newspapers for announcement on Thursday, March 19. The rumors that have been going on for months concerning

Incomplete Vote Given For Terrell

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DAWSON, Ga.—Terrell County Sheriff Z. T. Mathews was the apparent winner in the Wednesday County Democratic primary, and Rep. Ed Fulford apparently won renomination.

Incomplete returns gave Sheriff Mathews 1,288 votes to the 437 for W. T. Edwards.

Complete but unofficial counting of ballots gave William Lee Wall a 71-vote win over county School Superintendent Frank Christie. Wall had 1,333 votes and Christie had 1262.

Rep. Fulford was running ahead with 697 votes. His nearest opponent is Dr. Charles Lee, who received 447 in the incomplete vote count. The other candidates and their votes are Jimmy Bangs, 252 and Shelby Marks, 241.

Incumbent Ordinary Alvin McLendon received 981 votes. Richard West received 526 and the other opponent, Jim B. Bridges, received 194.

In the County Commission race, it appeared that the three incumbents would be re-elected. The four candidates for the three seats, and the partial vote count, are Newt Hudson, 1,340; A. D. Henry, 1,320; Huson Brim, 1,584, and John Green, 786.

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Byrd Puts Hat in Ring For House

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Garland Byrd plunged into a Third District congressional race Thursday with a pledge to support President Lyndon B. Johnson's war on poverty and a hint he would support federal aid for education.

Byrd, a former lieutenant governor and now state senator, was the second announced candidate. Stephen Pace Jr. of Americus was the first. State Sen. Stanley Smith of Warner Robins may enter.

SHOULD UNITE

"I am prompted to make this campaign for Congress by feeling that the people of the Third District should be united behind a positive program for its development and growth and not hatefully divided among themselves by self aspirations and false issues," Byrd said.

In announcing, he noted that incumbent Rep. E. L. (Tic) Forrester is retiring because of ill health. Forrester and Byrd's wife, Gloria, are related.

WAS CANDIDATE

Byrd, 39, was a candidate for governor in 1962 until he was stricken with a heart attack.

A native of Taylor County, Byrd said he will work for a sound agricultural program, for continued effective operation of Warner Robins Air Force Base and Ft. Benning, and for waterway development.

He said it is "imperative that the war on poverty and unemployment, one of President Johnson's primary goals, be pressed to a successful conclusion."

Hinting at federal aid for education, Byrd said:

"As I stood in state government for enhanced educational opportunities for our youth, I shall so stand in the federal Congress. The problem of health and education for our young people is essential to national defense and to national prosperity."

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Byrd To Seek 3rd Congressional District Post

Atl. World 3-21-64

BUTLER, Ga. UPI — State Sen. Garland Turk Byrd, former lieutenant governor knocked out of the 1962 gubernatorial race by a heart attack, announced Thursday he is a candidate for the Third District congressional seat.

The 39-year-old Byrd, who bounced back from his heart attack and easily won election as state senator from the 17th District, said in a prepared statement he would announce his platform "when the campaign opens."

Byrd threw his hat into the ring just one day after incumbent Congressman E. L. Tic Forrester announced he would not seek reelection because of illness. He is the second candidate to annuonce. Sumter County Solicitor Stephen Pace Jr., of Americus is the other avowed candidate.

There is much speculation that Erle Cocke Jr., former national commander of the American Legion will make it at least a three-way race.

Byrd, a Taylor County farmer, lawyer and businessman, said he would "present to the citizens of the Third District a platform for progress and prosperity in complete detail so that they will know where I stand they will know where I stand."

He added "....but most of all I shall stand for the unity of our people, not their division. I am most prompted to make this campaign for Congress by the feeling that the people of the Third District should be united behind a positive program for its development and growth, and not hatefully divided among themselves by self-aspirations and false issues."

Byrd said his campaign headquarters will not be announced until after adjournment of the special General Assembly session in May.

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Voters Are Best 'Court'

Erle Cocke Jr. intends to run for Congress from Georgia's new Third District. Which means that the contest is going to be "for heavyweights only."

Cocke is a genuine "heavyweight", and so is former Lieutenant Governor Garland Byrd of Reynolds.

Both men have been part of the Georgia political scene since World War II. Their paths have varied widely, Byrd pursuing his objectives primarily on the state level, while Cocke has been involved on the national and international level — but always as a "backstage" Georgian.

The question of Cocke's eligibility will plague him — but probably won't deter him. The U. S. Constitution specifies only that a congressional candidate must be a resident of the state in which he runs, and Cocke has maintained his legal residence in Georgia.

Georgia law requires that a candidate be a resident of the district for one year, but Cocke can argue that nine of Georgia's districts are newly-created and that no candidate will have resided in one of them for a year.

For instance, Rep. John Flynt was moved into the Sixth District, but his eligibility certainly will not be questioned. Cocke's home county of Terrell was placed in the Second, but he would be allowed to run in that district without legal challenge, even though he would have been a resident for only a few weeks.

Cocke plans to move his legal residence to Columbus this week, and will register to vote. On the question of voting, he may find himself in the odd position of being eligible to run in the September primary but unable to vote in his own race.

He will not fulfill the six-months county residency requirement in Muscogee until the November election.

But actually, the judgment on Cocke's eligibility can best be made by the voters of the present Third District.

If the voters see fit to give him a majority, then he is "eligible" to serve them as their congressman. If they don't, then he is "ineligible."

No court or committee can deliver such a final and convincing ruling as the voters.

Cocke, an expatriate to some extent, has long planned to offer for Congress from the Third District. He waited only in deference to Rep. E. L. Forrester. Now that Forrester is retiring, Cocke wants to keep the appointment at the polls which he first envisioned more than 15 years ago.

We feel the voters of the Third District should have the opportunity to pass judgment on his bid.

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Stewart County Recount Slated For State Race

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RICHLAND, Ga. — A recount will be made of the Stewart County primary vote in the race between San Singer and Leon (Sonny) Butts for state representative.

John Parks, chairman of the Stewart County Democratic Executive Committee, said Tuesday that the recount will begin Monday at 10 a.m. in the Stewart County Courthouse in Lumpkin.

Singer, incumbent representative, received 85 votes more than Butts, according to the initial primary count of the approximately 1,500 votes cast March 10.

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GOP To Make Race For Congress In Third District

Ed. Post 3/26/64

COLUMBUS, Ga. — (UPI) —Republicans in Georgia's 3rd congressional district will field a candidate for Congress within two weeks district GOP chairman W. J. Schloth announced Wednesday.

Schloth, in a statement to a Columbus television station WRBL,

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said he could not indicate who the candidate would be but promised he would be named publicly within two weeks.

Incumbent Rep. E. L. "Tic" Forrester is retiring from Congress this year because of illness. Three Democrats have announced as candidates to succeed him. They are Erle Cocke, U. S. representative to the World Bank; Stephen Pace Jr., prosecuting attorney at Americus and state Sen. Garland T. Byrd.

Schloth said a Democratic congressman would be bound to vote with a majority that would be controlled by a "socialistic liberal vote" in organizing Congress but a GOP candidate would be more capable of representing the true sentiment of the southwestern 3rd district.

One possible Republican candidate is state Sen. Perry Gordy of Columbus.

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Forrester Tags Young As Preferred Successor

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The name of Columbus attorney W. H. Young Jr. Thursday was added to a growing list of prospective candidates for the 3rd District congressional race this year.

Young did not comment on the matter until after a letter written by Rep. E. L. (Tic) Forrester regarding support for Young was made public.

In a letter to a Columbus friend, Forrester said his choice to take over the 3rd District seat in Washington was Young, who has served as chairman of the district Democratic Executive Committee for 28 years.

When asked about his intentions, Young said he has devoted some thought to running for Congress, but that he must consider "a great many things" before making a decision to run this year.

Number of Letters

Young said he has seen a number of letters Forrester has written in his behalf in answer to letters asking Forrester who he plans to support this year.

Forrester has announced that he will not seek re-election.

Young, a member of the law firm of Foley, Chappell, Young, Hollis and Schloth, said several friends have asked him to give consideration to offering as a candidate.

"I have not made a decision," he said. "There are a lot of things to be considered. I will make a decision within the next three or four weeks."

Forrester's letter to a Muscogee County official was made public Thursday. It said:

"I am fully aware that, ordinarily, I should not say anything, but since you asked, common honesty requires me to say to you that in my judgment, Hon. W. H. Young Jr., Columbus, knows the Third District better than any other man, as he has served with distinction as chairman of the Democratic Committee of that district for 28 years.

"I can personally attest to his

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tremendous ability, complete loyalty and dedication and to the vast knowledge that he has regarding the needs of the district and of our country. He already has a wide acquaintance with the Congressmen and Senators, and has their thorough confidence and friendship.

"If Mr. Young should become a candidate, I would certainly support him, because I know he can do the job second to none."

In response to questions, Young said Wednesday that he had not talked with Forrester concerning his possible candidacy, but that he plans to see him soon in Georgia.

Should Young enter the congressional race, he will have plenty of opposition. Already announced as candidates are Stephen Pace Jr. of Americus, solicitor general of the Southwestern Judicial Circuit; State Senator Garland Byrd of Reynolds, formerly lieutenant governor, and Erle Cocke Jr. of Dawson, U. S. representative to the World Bank and formerly national commander of the American Legion.

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W. H. Young Will Not Run For Congress

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W. H. Young Jr., a Columbus attorney and long-time chairman of the 3rd District Democratic Executive Committee, announced Tuesday that he will not be a candidate for Congress to succeed Rep. E. L. (Tic) Forrester.

Young also said Tuesday that he soon will call a meeting of the district committee to prepare for the congressional primary. The meeting will be held in Americus, he said.

In a prepared statement regarding his political plans, Young said:

"I have given consideration to all circumstances and conditions which would affect my family and me should I go to Washington as the representative of the 3rd Congressional District in the 89th Congress. And I have decided that I will not be a candidate for this office. This decision is mine alone.

"I do not find words to express my gratitude to Mr. Forrester for his kindness. I regard him as a brother and I believe he so regards me. I know that he would have voted for me, but I would neither ask nor expect him to campaign in my behalf. He is retiring because of his health and should rest and follow the advice of his physicians. The loss of his services is a serious one to our country, our state and our district."

In a letter to a Columbus friend last week, Forrester had said he would support Young in the race if the latter chose to run.

In his statement, Young added:

"Let me take this opportunity to express my thanks to many friends within and without the 3rd District who have been kind enough to offer me their unqualified support and efforts in the event I offered. I am grateful to all of them and particularly to my lifelong friends and close business associates in Muscogee County who have assured me beyond any doubt that Muscogee County would overwhelmingly support me.

"Some of my friends have

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been kind enough to seek my advice as to a successor to Mr. Forrester in the event I should not offer. I can only say that I will vote for and support a candidate who convinces me of his conservatism in all matters which vitally affect our country, our state and our district.

"I will not support any candidate who is not unalterably opposed to the civil rights bill and who is not opposed to desegregation and other un-American concepts of our constitutional rights."

Young's decision apparently leaves Erle Cocke Jr. and Garland Byrd as front-runners in the upcoming race for the Democratic nomination for the 3rd District congressional seat. However, the district Republican party has indicated it will announce plans in the near future for a strong GOP candidate in the race.

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Byrd to Pay Qualifying Fee Today

State Sen. Garland Byrd will be off and running today in his bid to capture the Democratic nomination for Congress from the 3rd District in the September primary.

Byrd said he will be in Atlanta today at 10 a.m. to pay his $750 qualifying fee to the secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Later this week, Earl Cocke of Dawson, who has transferred his voter registration to Muscogee County in advance of actually moving to Columbus, is expected to become the second candidate to qualify for the House seat now held by Rep. E. L. (Tic) Forrester.

Forrester has represented the 3rd District in Congress for almost 14 years, and will not seek re-election.

Stephen Pace Jr. of Americus, who is solicitor general of the Southwestern Judicial Circuit, is expected to become the third candidate in the race.

Pace is currently in Europe and will not return to Georgia until April 13.

The possible field of candidates was narrowed Tuesday when Columbus attorney W. H. Young Jr. announced that he definitely would not run for Congress this year.

Young said he reached his decision after giving "consideration to all circumstances and conditions which would affect my family and me should I go to Washington as the representative of the 3rd Congressional District in the 89th Congress."

Young's announcement leaves only State Sen. Stanley Smith of Perry and Ed Wohlwender of Sumter County as "mentioned-ed" candidates who have not said they will enter the race.

The deadline for qualifying for the Sept. 9 primary will be on May 2.

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Leaders Feel House Race 'Wide Open'

By LUKE TEASLEY
Enquirer State Editor

PERRY, Ga. — The 3rd District congressional race is "still wide open" according to the general opinion expressed by 3rd District municipal leaders meeting here Thursday.

The municipal leaders from throughout the "new third District" were meeting to discuss finances and State Municipal Association plans.

Attending the meeting were State Sen. Garland Byrd of Reynolds, who qualified Thursday morning to seek the Democrat-

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ic nomination for the congressional seat, and Erle Cocke Jr., a Dawson native and U.S. representative to the World Bank who has established residence in Columbus and expects to qualify Saturday morning.

The program for an airport dedication following the municipal association meeting included State Sen. Stanley E. Smith Jr. of the 18th District, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate.

Cocke, who was not personally known to many at the meeting, joined the municipal leaders early in the morning hands, discussed issues and lis- and throughout the day shook tened to the speakers.

Byrd, who did not arrive at the meeting until lunch, was greeted warmly by many acquaintances.

The municipal leaders, asked which candidate they would support and which they thought would win, generally said they were undecided.

One said he is supporting Byrd and thinks Byrd will win. Another said he would support Stephen Pace Jr. of Americus and another said that if no other candidates qualify he will support Byrd.

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Three asked if a "Columbus candidate" would qualify. Several others asked if William Young Jr., who was endorsed by retiring Rep. E. L. Forrester, was going to run.

A Macon County official said his county is divided. He said Byrd is better known than Cocke, but that there is some hostility to Byrd because he had been a legal representative for a school consolidation group.

A political observer who travels throughout the eastern area of the 3rd District said that if the race was between Byrd and Cocke it would be close in Houston County, which was a "four-unit" county under the county unit system.

Byrd Qualifies to Run For U.S. House Seat

Col. Leg., 4-3-64, p. 1.

State Sen. Garland Byrd of Reynolds Thursday officially entered the 1964 congressional race from the 3rd District, paying his qualifying fee to George Stewart, secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee in Atlanta.

After becoming the first qualified candidate for the Sept. 9 Democratic primary, Byrd pledged his efforts towards continued development of the Chattahoochee and Flint Rivers system.

And, if elected to Congress, Byrd said, he also will devote his efforts to the further development of Fort Benning and the Air Force Meteriel Center at Warner Robins.

Byrd will face opposition from at least two other persons. Erle Cocke Jr., who has transferred his voter registration from Terrell County to Muscogee, and Stephen Pace Jr. of Americus have said they will make the race. Cocke has said that he will qualify in Atlanta Saturday, and Pace is expected to qualify after returning from Europe in two weeks.

Elected Senator

Byrd, who was regarded as a front runner in the 1962 gubernatorial campaign before being sidelined by a heart attack, now represents the state's 17th Senatorial District. He ran for the office unopposed after recovering from his illness.

At the time of his attack, Byrd was serving as lieutenant governor.

A graduate of Taylor County schools, Byrd attended Georgia Southwestern College, the University of Georgia and received a law degree from Emory University.

He entered the Army during World War II as a private, and was a captain when he was discharged four and a half years later.

First Venture

His first venture into politics was in 1946, when he was electbly. He married the former Gloria Whatley of Reynolds the same year.

During the administration of Gov. Herman Talmadge, Byrd was appointed assistant Veterans Service director.

He finished second in a bid to become commissioner of agriculture in 1954, then devoted the next three years to an automobile agency, his farm and law practice in Taylor County.

In 1958, he was elected lieutenant governor by an overwhelming margin in a five-candidate race.

After dropping out of the 1962

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race for governor, Byrd recuperated at his home, and in August of that year political figures and friends from throughout the state met in Reynolds to honor him with a birthday party.

Following the 1962 Democratic primary, supporters of Byrd sought to get his name placed on the general election ballot to oppose Peter Zack Geer. In five days, a draft-Byrd committee obtained petitions bearing the names of 69,872 registered voters who wanted his name on the general election ballot.

However, Secretary of State Ben Fortson voided the petitions and barred the name of Byrd from the ballot.

Byrd then ran without opposition for the 17th District Senate seat.

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Erle Cocke Jr. Qualifies For Congressional Post

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Erle Cocke Jr., one of Columbus' newest citizens, Saturday morning became the second candidate to qualify for the 3rd District congressional race.

The current U. S. representative to the World Bank announced immediately that he is anxious to maintain Georgia's leadership in Washington.

A native of Dawson, Cocke moved his residence to Columbus in order to remain in the 3rd District after Terrell was shifted to the 2nd Congressional District under the state congressional redistricting plan.

After paying his entrance fee Saturday Cocke said: "I have signed a pledge to abide by the rules of the Democratic party. I have now been duly qualified to run in the 3rd Congressional District.

Will Travel

"The good people of Georgia have been kind to me. In the forthcoming weeks I will greet as many people as possible in the district.

"I plan a vigorous campaign and I will discuss the issues that face the Third District — and the citizens of Georgia — on national and international matters."

He also said: "My candidacy will be forceful in the areas of agriculture, education, military and industry. I didn't arrive at this decision lightly — I have prepared myself, through education, military career, and business experiences, always with a deep desire to go to Congress.

"With many new changes in Georgia politics I can do more for the 3rd District and the State of Georgia than any other candidate in this area.

Aware Of Needs

"I am aware of the needs, [illegible]nterests and developments of [illegible] district, such as the mili[illegible] installations at Fort Ben[illegible] and the Robbins Air Force [illegible].

[illegible]nd I am anxious to main[illegible] Georgia's leadership in [illegible]ington."

[illegible]cke, a third generation [illegible]er, also operates a 600-acre [illegible] near Dawson for the pro[illegible]on of peanuts, cattle and [illegible].

[illegible] much - decorated soldier, [illegible]tered the Army after grad[illegible]g from the University of [illegible]gia, was wounded several times, and was once shot and left for dead by German soldiers.

Following the war, he received a master of business administration degree from Harvard University.

Business Career

Returning to Georgia and business interests, he served as general manager of Cinderella Foods Co. in Dawson, the largest peanut butter manufacturing plant in the world, became executive director of the Georgia Agricultural and Industrial Development Board, served as general industrial agent of the State Mutual Insurance Company in Rome, Ga., was assistant to the president of Delta

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Air Lines, and at the age of 32, became vice president of Delta Air Lines.

Meanwhile, he was also active in the American Legion, and was the youngest Legionnaire ever to serve as national commander.

He was named outstanding young man of the year by the Georgia Junior Chamber of Commerce, and in 1951 was named by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of the 10 outstanding young men in the nation.

He was also active in the state and national Democratic Party, and in 1952, 1956 and 1960 he was a delegate from Georgia to the Democratic National Convention. He has been a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee of Georgia.

In 1959, he was appointed alternate representative to the United Nations, and subsequently was named U. S. representative to the World Bank. Before this appointment, he had visited 51 of the 68 nations then represented by the World Bank.

Cocke is married to the former Madelyn Grotnes of Pompano Beach, Fla., and they have two daughters, Elise Carol and Jennifer Aline.

He said that he expects to move his family to Columbus after school is out in June. His elder daughter, 8, is in school near their home just outside Washington.

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Dooly County Man May Seek U.S. House Seat

Col. Eng.
4-9-64 p. 1A

A sixth possible candidate in the Sept. 9 Democratic primary race for 3rd District congressmen announced his intentions Wednesday.

Robert Newby, a Vienna and Dooly County businessman, told The Enquirer that he will qualify for the race Saturday in Atlanta.

Already qualified are Erle Cocke Jr., U. S. representative to the World Bank, and State Sen. Garland Byrd.

Sol. Gen. Stephen Pace Jr. of Americus has announced that he intends to qualify for the race, and State Sen. Stanley Smith of Perry has stated that he is considering running. Another who says he might make the race is Ed Wohlwender, who practices law in Columbus.

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Rev. Andrew Young, Director
Citizenship Training and Voter-Registration
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Rev. Young:

You will find enclosed a copy of the report of Mr. Vernon Mitchell, Third U. S. Congressional District Chairman, Statewide Registration Committee, covering his activities in behalf of voter-registration since the District Citizenship Clinic on February 29, 1964. Rev. Samuel Wells accompanied him on some of these trips.

I find that Mr. Thomas Brown, Sixth District Chairman has been ill ever since that Clinic, consequently, he has carried on no activities. I shall try to secure some contacts with the counties which were represented in the clinic.

I have visited with the Tenth District Chairman, Mr. Gresham Jeter and will make a report on his activities by the end of the week.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Calhoun

J. H. CALHOUN, Chairman
Statewide Registration Committee
Ga. Director, Voter-Registration, SCLC

Copy to; Voter Education Project

Pace Plans To Qualify On Saturday

4-17-74

By LUKE TEASLEY
Enquirer State Editor

The fourth candidate for the 3rd District congressional race to succeed retiring Rep. E. L. (Tic) Forrester expects to qualify Saturday with the State Democratic Executive Committee in Atlanta.

Stephen Pace Jr., solicitor for the Southwestern Judicial Circuit, Thursday said he will qualify at 10:30 a.m. Saturday for the September primary.

Pace reecntly returned from a tour of Russia approved by the state department.

Howard H. (Bo) Callaway of Pine Mountain, who also returned this week from a tour of Europe and Asia, said he has "not thought about" entering the race for Congress on the Republican ticket.

Callaway said he had been mentioned in newspapers as a possible candidate for several

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offices. He added that he had been a supporter of Rep. Forrester, and was out of the country when Forrester announced that he would not run for reelection.

Callaway said he is busy with a ski tournament being held at Ida Cason Callaway Gardens, but is willing to talk with persons interested in his candidacy.

The first candidate to qualify for the race was State Sen. Garland Byrd, a former Georgia lieutenant governor. He was followed by Erle Cocke Jr., U.S. representative to the World Bank, and Robert Newby, a Vienna businessman.

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307 East Church Street
Fort Valley, Georgia
April 23, 1964

Dear Mr. Calhoun,

I am writing you to let you know of my activities for this week.

First, I went to Griffin, Ga. Monday morning and had quite a talk with Mr. Touchstone. He stated that during the drive which covered 2/7/64 to 2/28/64 thru there efforts they registered 400 persons which gave them a total for the year 1,800 peoples who are the voting population.

I have been invited by the Civic Group that he is president of to appear as the quest speaker on May 14, 1964 at 8:00 o'clock.

He then inform me to go to Barnesville, Ga. and check with Mr. Warren Bush. This I did but because of the fact that the planting season is slow, he was busy planting but sent me to find Mr. Amos Wadley. After talking with him he was not able to give me figures on the registration drive but he is to send me the information later.

Mr. Touchstone also told me to check out Thomaston, Ga. because they haven't been able to get any information from them.

This I did by going to see Mr. J. B. Bently, Jr. the local Funeral Director. From there Mr. G. W. Green, Mr. N. W. Worthy and Rev. Huff a local Baptist Preacher. After talking with these peoples you could easily tell that they haven't done much in the registration effort but they assured me that they would start something toward getting more Negroes aware of registrating and voting.

Rev. Huff is new there and stated that he had not been active in any movement in Upson County. But he say that he will become active soon.

This is it for the week. What direction will I take next week?

Sincerely,

(Signed: Theodore Appling)

Dr. Davis Qualifies; Allen Seeks Waller Post

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Incumbent Coroner Dr. C. F. Davis Thursday qualified for re-election, and J. R. Allen, a Columbus businessman, qualified for the seat Roy M. Waller Sr. will vacate on Muscogee County Commission.

Davis, who will seek his third term as county coroner, qualified with Billy Brescia, vice chairman of the county committee.

The coroner's race may develop into a contest betwen Davis and James T. Paulk, owner of the Waverly Barber Shop. Paulk has said he plans to qualify as a candidate in the Democratic primary in September.

Allen paid a $600 qualifying fee to C. Cody White, chairman of the Muscogee County Democratic Executive Committee. He did so a day after Waller, who has been a county commissioner 12 years and is now serving his fifth year as chairman, said he will not seek re-election.

After qualifying with Brescia, Davis said he appreciates the two terms he has served as coroner, and hopes all his friends will vote for him again.

Cites Record

He said he has demonstrated his ability to run the coroner's office over the years, and added, "My record speaks for itself."

A Columbus veterinarian, Davis has been an active civic leader and is credited with having originated Fireman's Appreciation Week through the AMVETS and Policemen's Appreciation Week through the Moose.

In April 1963 he was named

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J. R. ALLEN
. . . seeks commission post

DR. C. F. DAVIS
. . . incumbent coroner

Dr. Davis—

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"Moose of the Year" by Lodge 1166. He was outgoing governor of the Columbus Lodge and 4th District president at the time. He has ben a member of the Moose for 19 years.

He was born May 11, 1911, in Columbus, attended city schools and is a 1963 graduate of Auburn University.

Moved to Thomasville

In August 1936, Davis married the former Elizabeth Land, and moved to Thomasville, where he practiced with Dr. Schwenche. While there, he was elected director of the Jaycees and became president of the Georgia Veterinarian Medical Association.

Following World War II, Davis returned to Columbus, joined the Optimist Club and was elected president and lieutenant governor of District 21.

He entered the Army in 1942 as a first lieutenant, and was attached with the Kumming, China, headquarters as area veterinarian for all forces in that country. He was discharged as a captain in 1945.

Allen's Statement

At a press conference Thursday, Allen issued the following statement:

"I am seeking the office of county commissoner of Muscogee County at the urging of many of my friends and colleagues and because of my deep-rooted desire to be of useful service to my fellow Muscogee Countians. I would deem it a distinct honor to be elected to fill the seat held by Mr. Roy Waller. I commend him on his many years of dedicated service.

"I pledge that I will always conduct myself in a dignified manner so as to reflect credit upon those who elected me and upon the office I hope to attain. I pledge also to seek a spirit of friendship and cooperation between county and city government. I will do my part to further our expansion of local industry. In the field of education, I will support our school district in the continuation of its unprecedented progress so that our children may have every possible educational advantage. I further pledge a dedicated effort to promote the welfare of all elements and areas of Muscogee County."

Born Here

A member of the Georgia Democratic Executive Committee, Allen was born and raised in Columbus. He attended Beallwood Grammar School and graduated from Baker High School. He also attended the University of Georgia Columbus Center for four years and received a certificate in accounting in 1954.

He is currently president of the Columbus Junior of Chamber of Commerce, and his term ends June 30. Allen is employed as comptroller of the Columbus Broadcasting Co. (WRBL), and other business connections include: President of Signs Inc. and vice president of Davidson's Kentucky Fried Chicken Inc. here.

Allen is a member of Rotary International and of Beallwood Baptist Church, where he was ordained as deacon in 1957, and is associate superintendent of the Adult No. 1 department in the church Sunday School.

He is married to the former Joyce Ray of Columbus and they have three children.

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3rd District Committee Will Not Test Congress Candidates' Qualifications

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By RUDY HAYES
Enquirer Correspondent

AMERICUS, Ga.—Third Congressional District Democratic committeemen Friday removed themselves from legal action involving qualifications of candidates.

The district committee, at a meeting in the Sumter County Courthouse, also adopted rules to allow the congressional election to be decided by popular vote, rather than by the county unit system used in the past.

W. H. Young Jr., Columbus, chairman of the district committee, said he knows of no challenge concerning eligibility of 3rd District congressional candidates.

When Georgia was redistricted the counties in the district were shifted. Terrell County, the residence of Erle Cocke Jr., was placed in the Second District. Cocke then moved his official residence to Columbus.

After stating his stand Young said, "Let the best man win."

The committee set the primary for Sept. 9, the same time as the state primary, and set the deadline for the qualification of candidates at noon May 2.

The winning candidate must have a majority of votes or the top two will have to compete in a Sept. 16 run off primary, the committee decided.

Resolutions were passed commending retiring 3rd District Rep. E. L. (Tic) Forrester; Young, who has been a member of the committee for 27 years, and Judge T. O. Marshall, secretary, for their services.

Forrester was commended for his "unrelenting fight for state control of our school system and against any federal control or authority over our schools, despite opposition from within and without the state of Georgia."

The resolution expressed gratitude for "determined, steadfast and trustworthy efforts to be of assistance to the nation, state and district."

He was wished well in his illness and a hope was expressed for his full recovery.

The new district committee will be selected by the winner of the primary. New counties welcomed into the district were Twiggs, Crawford, Talbot and Wilkinson. There were 14 delegates at the meeting.

Cocke was the only candidate who attended the convention. Others qualified are Garland Byrd, a former Georgia lieutenant governor from Taylor County; Steve Pace Jr., Sumter County, and Robert Newby, a Dooly County farmer and businessman.

Saturday Is Deadline To Register to Vote

The deadline for registering vote in elections this year is 12 noon Saturday.

Deputy Registrar John Ingram Thursday predicted that the number of registered voters in Muscogee County would be "well over 40,000" by the end of the registration period.

The 1962 list showed 32,276 voters in the city and county.

The new tally for the county won't be ready until mid-summer, Ingram said. However, a list of qualified city voters must be ready before the May 27 referendum.

Saturday noon is the deadline for registering to vote in three, possibly four, elections this year.

They are the City of Columbus' mixed drinks referendum to be held May 27, the Democratic primary on Sept. 9 (and the Republican primary also, if that party holds one), and the general election on Nov. 3.

Same Deadline

The same deadline applies also if a run-off or second primary is necessary to select party nominees in September for the general election.

There are 28 city, county, state and U. S. Congressional offices to be filled this year. In addition, voters will ballot in the November general election on presidential and vice-presidential electors.

For all practical purposes, most of the city, county, state and Congressional offices will be filled in the September Democratic primary. However, local Republicans have said they will have nominees for several offices.

The Republicans have one man in office — State Sen. Perry Gordy. So far, Gordy has no opposition to re-election.

May Swell List

The last two days of the registration period could swell the voters' list considerably. Ingram said that sometimes as many as 1,200 people come in to register on the last day.

He said that since there has been a continuous stream of voters for many weeks, the last minute rush may not be so heavy this year.

The voter registrar's office is located in the basement of the Muscogee County courthouse Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m today and tomorrow, and from 8:30 to 12 noon on Saturday.

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Cocke Ready to Campaign Throughout 3rd District

By BILL LEVY
Enquirer Capitol Bureau

ATLANTA — Congressional candidate Erle Cocke Jr.—a Columbus citizen and no longer attached to the World Bank — Wednesday night declared that he is ready to stump the entire 3rd District in a political battle with four other contenders.

Addressing 3rd District legislators at a dinner meeting at the Atlanta Athletic Club, Cocke said, "There are several hundred thousand hands to be shaken between now and Sept. 9, and I intend to shake them all."

He received open invitations to campaign in Harris, Muscogee, Wilkinson and Sumter Counties.

State Sen. Jimmy Carter of Plains, who was attending the dinner given by Atlanta friends of Cocke, said, "I think the people should know what a tremendous sacrifice Erle Cocke is making to run to represent the people of the district."

Cocke said he is planning a campaign in which he will be "in the rural areas one day and in Columbus the next." He is expected to wind up his campaign in Columbus, where he and his opponents will attempt to win Muscogee's 40,000 votes.

"Nobody urged me to get into this race," Cocke said. "I decided on it myself, and I intend to win it myself."

Cocke, a former alternate delegate to the World Bank, recently changed his residency from Terrell County to Muscogee in order to qualify for the primary and election campaign.

He is past national commander of the American Legion.

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Callaway Believed Eyeing U.S. House Seat

By TOM SELLERS
Asst. Managing Editor, Ledger

The entry of a Republican candidate in the 3rd District congressional race seemed more likely than ever this week, following the smashing Goldwater power display at the Georgia GOP convention in Atlanta Saturday.

The impressive way in which Goldwater forces grabbed party reins focused new attention on one of the architects of the Arizona hopeful's Georgia victory — Howard (Bo) Callaway of Pine Mountain.

Some local GOP leaders now believe Callaway almost certainly will run for the 3rd District House seat if Sen. Barry Goldwater is nominated by the GOP national convention in San Francisco this summer.

Six Democrats already are in the September primary race, and at least two of them — Garland Byrd and Erle Cocke Jr. — are considered "big guns" politically. However, Callaway might feel he could ride into office on a strong emotional tide for Goldwater in the November general elections.

A West Pointer

A 37-year-old ex - Democrat and graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., Callaway has declined to say publicly whether he will be a candidate for the post now held by Rep. E. L. (Tic) Forrester, who is retiring at the end of this year.

Callaway told this writer recently that he is concentrating on trying to get Sen. Goldwater nominated as the GOP presidential candidate. He and Mrs. A. Edward Smith of Columbus form the two-member 3rd District Goldwater-pledged slate to the Republican National Convention, which opens July 13.

"As to the congressional race," said Callaway, head of the nationally famous Callaway Gardens in Harris County, "I'm really not in a position to say anything."

At the bitterly fought all-day state GOP convention in Atlanta's Municipal Auditorium Saturday, Callaway played no small role in floor maneuvering leading to the party takeover by ardent Goldwater supporters.

He spoke several times at crucial moments in favor of a solid Goldwater slate of Georgia national delegates. And he served as chairman of the resolutions committee which pushed through a successful motion to instruct the state's four at-large GOP delegates to vote for the Arizona hopeful.

In response to a keynote address by Sen. Goldwater himself, Callaway eloquently praised the presidential candidate for his "fiscal responsibility" and "great concern for the individual."

A slim, intense young man with boundless energy, Callaway's talk was compared by some observers to the driving, rapid - fire oratory of the late President John F. Kennedy, although the political philosophies of the two men could hardly be called similar.

Gave Blessing

Sen. Goldwater in effect gave his blessing to Callaway or some other staunch Republican as a candidate for the U. S. House.

The Arizonan urged the Georgia delegates to make a greater effort to elect GOP congressmen and local officials.

"People all over this country want a change," he said. "We ought to pick up 10 or 12 seats in the House of Representatives this year, and I should hope Georgia would be among them."

In recent months, Callaway has appeared on a number of civic club programs in Columbus and elsewhere, warning that the U. S. must abandon its "policy of appeasement" in dealing with Communist countries.

He has said that America is sitting on the "keenest razor's edge of danger since Valley Forge."

A supporter of former Gov. Marvin Griffin in the latter's unsuccessful bid for the Democratic nomination as Georgia governor in 1962, Callaway is a member of the State Board of Regents, and his term expires at the end of this year. He has served as chairman of the Regents' education committee.

The Pine Mountain businessman, member of one of the state's most influential textile families, also has headed a fund - raising campaign for Goldwater in Georgia. At the convention in Atlanta Saturday, he presented a check for $15,000 to the Arizona hopeful's war chest.

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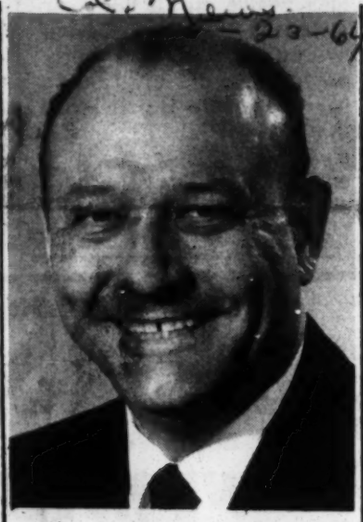
COCKE KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN

Ledger News 3-23-66

Erle Cocke, Jr., Democratic 3rd District Congressional Candidate launched his campaign by publically asserting his qualifications and his platform, while exposing the strident measures taken by his opposition to disqualify him. Speaking before the Rotary Club of Hawkinsville, Ga., Cocke, a 43 year old native of Dawson, Ga., now a resident of Columbus, openly charged that State Sen. Garland Byrd of Reynolds (one of his opponents) tried to manuever him out of the Congressional District via legislative strategy in the Georgia General Assembly earlier this year. A redistricting bill passed by the legislature dropped Cocke's native county of Terrell from the 3rd District, and in order to remain in the district and run for Congress, Cocke moved his legal residency to Columbus.

Because of his unique record as a public citizen of Georgia who has won national acclaim as well as political "know-how" in Washington, D.C., Cocke's candidacy has been opposed by the other contendors for the Democratic Primary nomi-



nation for the House seat solely on the basis that his duties as a leader of national organizations disqualifies him as "home folks" since they required his presence outside of the District.

After a distinguished combat record in World War II in which he received the Silver Star, Purple Heart with three clusters and other decorations Cocke served as Georgia Commander of the American Legion in 1948-9 and spearheaded a move to unmask the Ku Klux Klan.

The law forbidding masks was approved in 1949 after Cocke addressed the Georgia General Assembly, speaking jointly for the Legion and the state's Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Married and the father of two children, Cocke is a 3 time delegate from Georgia to the

As such, Cocke has not only become reknowned as a presidential campaigner, but is nationally considered Georgia's "youngest" leader, being accredited with the following "firsts."

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Mixed Drinks Consolidated Vote Totals

UNOFFICIAL CONSOLIDATION OF THE VOTE AS REPORTED BY THE PRECINCT MANAGER

PRECINCT	Reg. Voters	Votes Cast	Votes Void	Voting For	Voting Against	Pct.
Court House	1,935	814	17	422	375	42.01
Fox School	2,163	922	8	223	691	42.62
Johnson School	4,131	2,118	15	723	1,308	51.27
East Highland School	1,959	920	17	335	568	46.91
St. Elmo School	3,226	1,808	15	992	801	56.04
Wynnton School	4,701	2,546	26	1,499	1,021	54.15
Brown Avenue School	2,560	1,093	15	[illegible]	565	42.69
Marshall Jr. High School	1,141	398	18	209	171	34.88
Beallwood School	2,621	1,301	23	423	855	49.63
Clubview School	2,808	1,658	2	1,005	651	59.04
Rigdon Road School	[illegible]463	1,075	8	632	435	43.64
Baker Village	[illegible]088	1,317	6	785	526	42.14
Total	32,796	15,970	170	7,761	8,039	48.69

Davis Gives Mixed-Drink Vote Totals

Col. Enq. 5-27-64

City Clerk Homer Davis confirmed Friday that an undetermined number of registered voters did not vote in Wednesday's mixed-drink referendum because they did not know their voting precincts.

Davis was asked specifically if some voters did not cast bal-

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lots for that reason, after the question arose earlier Friday in an informal conversation and apparently circulated freely in Columbus.

To the question, Davis replied: "An undetermined number didn't vote for this reason."

He said a number of persons called his office between 5 and 7 p.m. Wednesday trying to locate their voting precincts. He explained that those who called said they had been told to vote

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at a certain precinct when they registered or transferred, but their names were not on the voters list.

Cites Instructions

Before the referendum, Davis said, he had instructed the precinct managers to tell a voter whose name was not on the list and who did not have a slip from the Muscogee County Board of Registrars to stop by or call the registrars.

However, Davis explained that the county switchboard was closed between 5 and 7 p.m., although the registrars were in their office at the courthouse.

He said he was able to locate the right precinct for some who called his office between 5 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, but not in all cases.

Earlier Friday, Davis released a certified copy of an unofficial consolidation of the vote as reported by the precinct managers. He will present the copy Monday to City Commission.

The results show that Columbus rejected a proposal to legalize the sale of mixed drinks by a vote of 8,039 to 7,761.

The total vote was 15,970, or 48.69 per cent of the 32,796 registered voters.

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Mixed-Drink Sales Rejected Here by 285-Vote Margin

Columbus Enq., 5-28-64

By BILL LEVY

City voters Wednesday, by a narrow margin of 285 votes, rejected a proposal to legalize the sale of mixed drinks, and City Manager Ralph Sayers announced that the legal ban on pouring establishments will be strictly enforced. A total of 15,952 of the city's 32,795 eligible voters turned out at 12 precincts to defeat the proposal, 8,041 to 7,756.

Muscogee Rep. Harry Dicus late Wednesday night said he will "demand a recount, due to the slow count in the Beallwood precinct."

Beallwood, Dicus said, was more than two hours behind other precincts in the city in reporting final returns.

"Quite possibly there is a reason for this, but the Beallwood box came in awfully late," he said.

Explains Delay

Beallwood Precinct Manager Hiram Webb, meanwhile said his box was late in reporting due to the large number of voters waiting in line at the 7 p.m. deadline for balloting.

In accordance with a ruling from City Clerk Homer Davis, he said, each of 124 voters standing in line at 7 was allowed to vote. The last of the 124 balloted at 8:05 p.m., he said, and the count began.

Polls workers at the precinct's single box, said Webb, "counted the votes quickly as possible, while avoiding mistakes."

The question before the voters was whether the city should permit the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in quantities of less than one-half pint. Police earlier this month reported that at least 15 establishments here were selling liquor by the drink, in apparent violation of the law.

Conviction Difficult

Enforcement had not been rigid in recent months, due to the inability of law - enforcement agencies to get a court conviction of violators.

The lead in the referendum election changed at least three times during a two-hour period in which returns were being reported to local news media.

With nine of 12 precincts returned by 8:20 p.m., the count stood 6,188 for and 6,186 against. Still out at the time were Beallwood, Brown Avenue and Rigdon Road.

Brown Avenue reported next, with the opposition gaining a slight lead, and then the lead shifted to the proponents with the announcement that Rigdon Road had favored the measure, 632 to 435. Beallwood proved to be the deciding box, with a report of 855 opposing the issue and 423 favoring it.

In explaining the delay at Beallwood, Webb said a heavy line had formed at the North Columbus box about 6 p.m., indicating that there would be a tie-up at the ballot box when the polls closed an hour later.

"I called the city clerk, Homer Davis," said Webb, "and he gave me a ruling that we would have to let everyone vote who was standing in line at the polling place at 7."

"At 7 o'clock, I got at the end of the line and did not let anyone else in. There were still others who wanted to vote.

"At that time, we had voted 1,183 people. By the time the last man in line voted at five minutes after eight, the number had gone up to 1,301.

"The poll workers definitely

Vote by Precincts

Precinct	For	Against	Total	Void
Courthouse	422	375	814	17
Johnson	718	1,382	2,100	0
St. Elmo	992	801	1,808	15
Brown Avenue	513	565	1,093	15
Marshall	209	171	398	18
Rigdon Road	632	435	1,075	8
Fox	223	691	922	8
East Highland	335	568	920	17
Wynnton	1,499	1,021	2,546	26
Beallwood	423	855	1,301	23
Clubview	1,005	651	1,658	2
Baker Village	785	526	1,317	6
Totals	7,756	8,041	15,952	155

Mixed-Drink Sales Are Rejected

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counted the votes as quickly as they could under the circumstances."

Harried Worker

Enquirer reporter Gordon Williams, who was waiting for returns at Beallwood, quoted one harried poll worker as saying, "I don't know how we could have voted another person."

The Beallwood precinct has 2,621 registered voters, but only one voting box and four poll workers.

By comparison, Clubview School has 2,808 qualified voters, three boxes and 12 poll workers.

Wednesday's turnout — more than 48 per cent of the city's qualified voters — was one of the highest in recent history.

Consolidation Vote

A consolidation referendum on April 11, 1962, brought out 44 per cent of the voters, as 11,675 out of an electorate of 26,352 cast a ballot.

On June 5, 1963, a mere 19 per cent balloted in a referendum to determine whether Columbus should have a full-time mayor with a seven - man commission.

And, on Sept. 4, 1963, only 14 per cent voted in a Medical Center bond issue election.

The mixed-drinks referendum was authorized by a general bill adopted by the General Assembly on Feb. 21, and was called on a resolution adopted by City Commission April 27.

The legislative act allowed referendums in all wet counties with populations of 40,000 or above. Counties included in the act besides Muscogee were Fulton, DeKalb, Bibb, Chatham, Richmond, Lowndes, Dougherty and Glynn.

Approve Drinks

In a referendum May 6, voters in Atlanta, Hapeville and the unincorporated areas of Fulton County approved mixed drinks for their area by a vote of 51,000 to 25,000.

Several local officials including Sayers, Mayor Harold Hughes, Safety Board Vice Chairman C. B. Hewitt Jr. and Police Chief Clyde Adair, have pledged to carry out the enforcement mandate of Wednesday's election.

"It is now up to us to see that the law is strictly upheld and that there are no violations," said Hewitt.

Det. Lt. Jack Coulter estimated that there are "about seven or eight" establishments inside the city equipped to sell mixed alcoholic beverages.

According to Davis, the cost of conducting the latest referendum was between $1,400 and $1,500.

The precincts, the total number of qualified voters and the total voting Wednesday were: Courthouse, 1,935 — 814; Johnson, 4,131 — 2,100; St. Elmo, 3,266 — 1,808; Brown Avenue, 2,560 — 1,014; Marshall, 1,141 — 398; Rigdon Road, 2,463 — 1,075; Fox, 2,163 — 922; East Highland, 1,959 — 921; Wynnton, 4,701 — 2,546; Beallwood, 2,621 — 1,301; Clubview, 2,808 — 1,658; Baker Village, 3,088 — 1,317.

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"The cultivated mind is the guardian genius of democracy and while guided and controlled by virtue, the noblest attribute of man; it is the only dictator that free men acknowledge, and the only security which free men desire."—Mirabeau B. Lamar, founder of The Enquirer, in a message to the Congress of Texas on Dec. 21, 1838, a few days after his inauguration as the second President of the Republic of Texas.

The 'Nays' Have It

The margin was narrow—about one half of a percentage point of the votes cast — but the "nays" have it in the argument over whether mixed drinks should be sold in Columbus.

It now behooves the community to reunite from what developed into a bitter and divisive battle, that set church against church, and some church members against their leaders, and produced charges and countercharges that opened angry wounds.

Differences of opinion are healthy and necessary in a democracy. The issue was an emotional one on both sides. But the vote is now in, and winners and losers alike must look to the result.

What is most needed is a clear and informative statement from all law enforcement officials on exactly what procedures of selling and serving alcoholic beverages are acceptable under the prevailing statutes.

This has not been made clear in the past. The rules regarding private clubs are vague. So are the rules on carrying a bottle into an establishment that sells setups.

Operators of clubs and lounges should know exactly what is legal and illegal. They should not have to operate in ignorance.

Confusion is the worst possible state for the law.

We do not believe that the progress of Columbus has been impeded, as some of the mixed drinks supporters predict. Nor do we feel that good restaurants cannot continue to operate profitably.

But we are concerned that the engendered bitterness will persist, and thus prevent the unity of purpose and effort needed to maintain a sound, progressive community that is a good place to live as well as a place that has its greater destiny firmly in mind.

Let the victors be generous and the losers consoled. The supporters of the ordinance were not necessarily on the side of the devil, nor the opponents on the side of the angels.

We are all merely mortals with the vices and virtues that mortals have. And one of the finest virtues is an understanding and tolerance of different viewpoints.

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Vote Recount In Beallwood Not Planned

Col. Enq., 3-29-68

By BILL LEVY

The supporters of legalized mixed drinks Thursday announced that they have dropped plans to demand a recount in the Beallwood precinct, the last box to report in Wednesday's mixed-drink referendum.

Muscogee Rep. Harry Dicus said the forces favoring legalized sales decided not to press demands for a new count after learning that Beallwood's poll workers were swamped by a heavy turnout of late voters.

Returns from the Beallwood precinct went against a proposal to legalize mixed-drink sales within the city limits of Columbus, 855 to 423. Unofficial totals from the city's 12 precincts showed that the voters rejected legalized sales by a vote of 8,041 to 7,756.

Precinct Manager Hiram Webb said returns were late in coming from his box because 124 voters were lined up to vote when the polls closed at 7 p.m.

Cites Ruling

Under a ruling from City Clerk Homer Davis, he said, all those in line at the closing hour were permitted to vote. It was 8:05 p.m. when the last vote was cast and a few minutes after 9 before Beallwood's votes were all counted and tabulated.

Dicus said Thursday he did not intend to imply "that there was anything out of line, either in the box or on the part of the workers at Beallwood," but said the box did come in "awfully late."

"I thought we ought to know the reason," he said.

Davis, meanwhile, said only one box was set up at Beallwood because past voting records indicated that one was sufficient. The Clubview precinct, which had only 187 more registered voters than Beallwood, had three boxes, three poll workers for each box, and two other polling officials.

Four city and county officials — Sol. Gen. John Land, Sheriff Jack T. Rutledge, Columbus Police Chief Clyde Adair and Muscogee County Police Chief W. F. Tuggle — issued a statement Thursday promising "strict enforcement" of the existing ban on pouring establishments.

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People's Mandate

The officials said Wednesday's election results can only be interpreted "as a mandate from the people" that the law prohibiting the sale of liquor in quantities of less than one-half pint be enforced rigidly.

The ban, they said, "applies to private clubs, as well as other establishments."

Although it has been difficult to get court convictions of violators, the officials said, "It is believed violators will tire of being arrested and jailed and placed on trial."

"In addition to an arrest, a petition may be filed to padlock any establishment, public or private, discovered violating alcoholic beverage laws. The expressed will of the people and the law will be enforced with no exceptions."

Meanwhile, Capt. Adair said he sees no immediate need for additional police personnel to enforce local and state liquor laws.

"I believe that, once people become fully aware of the fact that we are going to enforce the law, we will have little difficulty," he said.

"I don't see any need for more men at this time, and I do not plan to ask the safety board for more," he said.

Atty. J. Gordon Young, representing a group working for adoption of legalized sales, said the "opposition waged a fine campaign," and added, "The will of the people has been made known."

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Richard E. Steele, president and general manager of the Ralston, however, said the outcome of Wednesday's vote "was a victory for prejudice and half-truths, won by leaders who have never made a constructive contribution to the growth and progress of this city."

"In spite of this, I want to thank the people who fought for legalized control," he said.

"Someday, the city will grow up, both politically and religiously and, when this time comes, we can correct this mistake and move forward," Steele said.

"Since the people have spoken, I am quite confident that their decision will be carried out. The authorities cannot curtail the bootleggers, but they can and should stop the pouring of liquor in private clubs, as well as in public establishments throughout the city and county," he said.

According to city officials, votes cast in the local referendum have been impounded in a vault in the city clerk's office, where they will remain for a period of 90 days from the date of the election. Tabulation sheets will be canvassed by City Commission next Monday.

According to an act passed by the Georgia General Assembly in February, a waiting period of two years must elapse before a new referendum may be called. The new referendum may be called by City Commission on a petition signed by 35 per cent of the city's qualified voters.

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Robert Newby Mixes Humor, Seriousness in Campaign

By TOM SELLERS

If hard work and handshaking can put a man in Congress, Robert Newby of Vienna might be the next representative from Georgia 3rd District.

This 46-year old ex-Navy pilot, peach farmer and department - store owner believes that a dream — even a large one like winning a race for Congress — can be made to come true if the idea is good and the "power of the spirit" is drawn upon strongly enough.

So Newby is campaigning, his opponents say, "like the election was tomorrow." He says his motto compares with that of veteran Georgia Rep. Carl Vinson: "I'm gonna kiss all the women and spank the babies."

In his political approach, Newby seems a curious mixture of fun and seriousness. Asked to comment on the other candidates, he humorously sizes up the field like this:

Dollar a Year

Ed Wohlwender Jr.: "Ole Ed says he doesn't need the money he'd get as a congressman, so when I'm elected I'm gonna give him a job as one of my assistants at a dollar a year."

Erle Cocke Jr.: "There are two people in this country with enviable war records — Sgt. Alvin York and Erle Cocke. Any man who's been shot up as much as Erle deserves a special VA representative to follow him around and see that he's still in good health."

Garland Byrd: "Since I've heard that Garland has Gov. Carl Sanders' endorsement, I'm hoping that my good friend Gov. George Wallace will come over from Alabama and speak a word in my behalf."

Stephen Pace Jr.: "He's got a famous father, so I guess you could call him the favorite-son candidate."

Charles R. Adams Jr.: "I don't believe anybody knows him — even over in Fort Valley (Adams' home town)."

Campaign Literature

Newby's campaign literature blasts "the rabble rousers, Black Muslims, street demonstrators and Northern carpetbaggers," but he preaches harmony with the North.

"All of us should remember that first we are Americans," he says. "Some Southern citizens' problems aren't common with those of our Northern neighbors. Let's work together and maintain the love and harmony that were practiced by our forefathers."

Pointing out that most of his opponents are lawyers, Newby claims that "only eight of the 39 signers of the U. S. Constitution were lawyers, but the people who've torn that Constitution to shreds and made it unrecognizable have been members of our bar associations representing us in Washington. Therefore, I suggest it might be advisable to elect a businessman and a farmer — somebody who's accustomed to working for a living."

Newby contends he's the only candidate in the race who doesn't have enough money for television.

"I'll have to get around and see everybody in the next three months," he adds.

He figures he's traveled about 200 miles a day all across the 19 - county district in the last 30 days — a total of 6,000 miles. "I've talked to 10,000 people," said Newby, "and I'm going to see the rest."

Sen. George's Neighbor

A neighbor of the late Sen. Walter F. George in Vienna (Dooley County), Newby recalls: "He was my friend, and I learned from him what the word gentleman means. Sen. George was truly a gentleman."

On his prospects he says: "I've made good strong contacts in all the counties of the 3rd District, and I find that I'm as acceptable as any other candidate. This race is going to shape up in the next 30 days. That's when people will be making their decision."

Newby served as a naval aviator in World War II in the Solomon Islands and Central Pacific campaigns. A member of the City Council of Vienna, he and his wife have two children, a boy and girl, both high school students. He is a lay speaker and steward at Vienna Methodist Church.

Robert Newby believes that a man can be whatever he works for and wills himself to be. Even a congressman.

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Anti-Drinks Voters May Be Powerful Force in Sept. 9 Democratic Primary Here

BY TOM SELLERS

There is talk of a new complexion in local politics following last week's defeat of the mixed-drink referendum by city voters.

Insiders believe that church groups will extend their influence into the Sept. 9 Democratic primary, and the strength shown by anti-drinks forces may be felt in several political battles.

In the mayor's race, it appears that City Commissioner B. F. Register's chance of victory grew better. Most of the candidates, including Register, stayed clear of the explosive drinks question, but he is identified rather closely with a conservative view on the issue.

Actually, Register hasn't qualified, but he has announced plans to seek the full-time mayor's post. The same is true of City Commissioner B. Ed Johnson, and a third likely candidate is Mayor Harold Hughes.

The only man who has qualified is Carl Shoaf, owner of a detective agency.

Of the four names mentioned, Shoaf and Hughes said before the referendum that stricter liquor control might improve law enforcement. Declining to comment on the matter were Register and Johnson.

But the voters may recall that Hughes and Johnson helped approve a hotly fought beer-at-the - ballpark license in January, while Register, along with City Commissioner Jesse Binns, cast a negative ballot.

In a race for the open seat on the new City Commission, Ray Dowling appears to have been helped most by last week's results. Dowling is expected to enter the fray soon against two men already qualified — John David and Bobby Patterson.

Dowling ran very well in a 1962 City Commission race, losing by a slim 58 votes to Harold Hughes. And records show that Dowling revealed considerable vote - getting prowess in boxes that went heavily against the mixed-drink bill — Fox, Beallwood, Johnson and East Highlands.

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State Official Says City May Call Second 'Drinks' V

Col. Eng. 6-5-64

By BILL LEVY

City Commission may act at any time to call a new referendum to legalize the sale of mixed drinks, according to the opinion of an official in the office of the state attorney general.

Muscogee County Commission, meanwhile, could call a mixed-drink referendum applicable only to the unincorporated areas outside the city, the official said.

James H. Therrell, executive assistant to Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook, said a "cursory reading of the law" leads the attorney general's office to feel that the city can hold another mixed-drink election "any time it sees fit."

The only "limitation in the bill, said Therrell, relates to a new referendum in the event a first pouring referendum is passed. The General Assembly's 1964 pouring act "is silent on fixing a time limit" in the event a referendum is defeated, he said.

Therell said he was referring to a section of the bill dealing with future referendums. The section reads:

"In any municipality or county which has at any time held an election in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this section resulting in the majority of the votes being cast in favor of the sale of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink, the governing authority of such municipality or county shall upon a petition signed by at least thirty-five (35) per cent of the registered, qualified voters of said municipality or county proceed to call another election in the same manner as hereinfore prescribed for the purpose of nullifying the previous election; provided, however, no such election shall be called or had within two (2) years after the date of the declaration by the governing authority of the results of the previous election held for such purposes hereinabove provided.

Muscogee Rep. Harry Dicus Thursday night said he learned of Therrell's feelings on the bill in a visit to the attorney general's office Thursday morning.

Dicus said he plans to file a written request for an opinion on time requirements, and expects a "written reply" from Therrell by Wednesday.

City Attorney Lennie Davis, meanwhile, said any firm clarification of the law apparently must come from either a declaratory judgment by a judge of Superior Court or an amendment to the state's mixed-drink law.

The bill appears to be completely silent on what can be done now, and there is no machinery set up for holding another election in the event a first referendum is defeated," Davis said.

A leader in the fight to legalize mixed-drink sales, Atty. J. Gordon Young, said "there are two schools of thought" on what the law "meant" to say.

"One school holds that the issue can be brought up at any time, while the other is that we're restricted from further action," he said.

"To clarify the issue would require either a declaratory judgment from the courts or an amendment to the existing state law," Young added.

Although the courts would not be bound by the attorney general's opinion in cases of contest, said Dicus, persons seeking a declaratory judgment in the local courts may call upon the office of the state attorney general to "file a brief in support of their cause."

If a court opinion fails to provide for a new election, and if the legislature fails to amend the state law to provide for one, another city referendum apparently would be forbidden until a new law is enacted.

Because the city so recently defeated the mixed-drink issue — even though by a margin of less than 300 votes — it now appears unlikely that a county referendum will be called any time in the near future.

Young, a leader of Citizens for Progress, a group which supported passage of the mixed-drink referendum in the city, said it is his under-

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nding that a referendum Muscogee County "would ect only the unincorporated as in the county, and uld not affect the city."

n a memorandum sent by ok to Gov. Carl Sanders rch 5, the attorney general d H. B. 1147 apparently s intended to say that ies and unincorporated eas of counties were regard- as separate political en- es. Therefore, any elec- n for a city would provide y legalized pouring within city limits, and any elec- n for the "county" would ovide only for pouring in nincorporated sections.

k also informed Sanders t in his opinion citi- ns domiciled in a municipality lying within a county holding a "county" mixed drinks referendum would not be entitled to vote in the county referendum.

Under the terms of H. B. 1147, an initial pouring referendum may be called by either the appropriate governing body on its own action or the governing body on the request of 15 per cent of the qualified voters. But, adds paragraph (d) of Section 31: "If a majority of the qualified voters voting in such referendum vote against implementing this section then this section shall become null, void and of no force and effect as to the municipality or county holding such referendum."

COUNTIES COMPRISING THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE GEORGIA

County	VAP	WVAP	NVAP	%N	REG	WR	NR	%W VAP REG	%N VAP REG	TOTAL NEGRO POP
Chattahoochee	9891	8061	1830	18.5	355	338	17	4.1	0.9	2377
Crawford	3207	1596	1611	50.2	1580	1300	280	81.4	17.3	3364
Dooly	6447	3581	2866	43.1	5312	N/A*	N/A	N/A	N/A	6027
Harris	6412	3310	3102	48.3	3603	3340	263	100.9	8.4	6108
Houston	21970	17742	4228	19.2	9662	8727	935	49.1	22.1	8815
Lee	3222	1427	1795	55.7	1360	1210	150	84.7	8.3	3890
Macon	7248	3171	4077	56.2	3495	3052	443	96.2	10.8	8299
Marion	2962	1353	1609	54.3	1563	1508	55	96.4	3.4	3291
Muscogee	97211	74662	22549	23.1	32396	23396	** 9000	72.2	27.7	38455
Peach	8212	3650	4562	55.5	3377	2539	838	75.1	24.8	8130
Pulaski	4861	3018	1843	37.9	3255	3020	235	100.0	12.7	3560
Schley	1864	961	903	48.4	1027	893	134	92.9	14.8	1839
Stewart	4146	1465	2681	64.6	1792	1656	136	113.0	5.0	5208
Sumter	14440	7730	6710	46.4	6179	5631	548	72.8	8.1	13026
Talbot	3944	1437	2507	63.5	1667	1448	219	86.8	13.1	4975
Taylor	4771	2767	2004	42.0	3329	2940	389	106.2	19.4	4013
Twiggs	4224	1969	2255	53.3	1944	1698	246	86.2	10.9	4771
Webster	1750	775	975	55.7	766	766	0	98.8	0	2075
Wilkerson	5414	3135	2279	42.0	3406	2938	468	93.7	20.5	4460
TOTAL	212,196	141,810	70,386	33.1	86,068	66,400	14,356	77.1	16.6	132,683

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PERSONS ATTENDING 4TH U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC

GRIFFIN, GA. - MARCH 7, 1964

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COUNTY	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE
Henry	Mr. Thomas W. Brown(A)	Box 285	McDonough, Ga.
Lamar	Mr. Judge Collier (A)	10 Forsyth St.	Barnesville, Ga.
	Mr. Warren Bruce (A)	Route 2, Box 14	Barnesville, Ga.
	Mr. Amos Whatley (A)	410 Jenkin St.	Barnesville, Ga.
Pike	Mr. D. F. Glover (A)	Box 272	Zebulon, Ga.
	Miss Della Hall (Y)	P. O. Box 96	Concord, Ga.
	Mr. Lonnie Luks (Y)	P. O. Box 212	Zebulon, Ga.
	Miss Gerelene Strickland (Y)	Route 2, Box 9	Molena, Ga.
Spalding	Miss Renee Shopshire (Y)	202 E. Broad	Griffin, Ga.
	Rev. Homer Turner (A)	329 E. Tinsley	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Frank Touchstone, Jr. (A)	Route 4, Box 284-A	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Larry Helfin (Y)	321 North Third	Griffin, Ga.
	Mrs. Jessie Trice (A)	426 Jefferson	Griffin, Ga.
	Mrs. Lizzie H. Touchstone (A)	564 South 9th	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Irene McCrary (A)	P. O. Box 331	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Abram Jones (A)	327 E. Chappell	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Lewis Tiggler (A)	566 North Six	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Raymond Head (A)	438 North 4th	Griffin, Ga.
	Mrs. J. R. Spikes (A)	514 E. Chappell	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Gwendolyn Campbell(A)	323 East Tinsley	Griffin, Ga.
	Mrs. Elnora Milner (A)	829 E. Solomon	Griffin, Ga.
	Mrs. Queenie Hudson (A)	430 Norfolk St.	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Frederick Ball (A)	417 North Fourth St.	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Christine Copeland(Y)	Adams St.	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Loriaine Fambro (Y)	47 South 2nd	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Matthew Shopshire(Y)	202 East Broad	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Carl Horton (Y)	625 E. Slaton	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Joe Ann Goodrum (Y)	547 South 8th	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Sara Heaed (Y)	Route 2, Box 288	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Sandra Scott (Y)	25 E. Slaton	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Mattlyn Duman (Y)	856 Westbrooks	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Elaine Duman (Y)	856 Westbrooks	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Jimmy Fergereson (Y)	1510 North Hill	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Annie Tamplin (Y)	222 East Tiwsle	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Florene Copeland (Y)	423 Adams St.	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Linda Morris (Y)	117 North Second	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Ansely Lamar (Y)	425 E. Chappell	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Brenda Lyons (Y)	228 N. 4th	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. William Matthews (Y)	415 Circus St.	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Brenda Davis (Y)	610 E. Walls	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Brenda Lamar (Y)	425 E. Chappell	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Yvonne Matthews (Y)	754 E. 7th	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Glinda Guides (Y)	Route 1, Box 20	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Mattie Joe Driver (Y)	226 Blanton	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Blanch Bateys (Y)	232 E. Chappell	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Racine Roberts (a)	416 E. Chappell St.	Griffin, Ga.
	Rev. J. N. Shopshire (A)	202 E. Broad	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Phillip Hood (A)	426 Jefferson	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Bennie Yarbourgh (Y)	110 Balnton Ave.	Griffin, Ga.

PERSONS ATTENDING 4TH U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC

GRIFFIN, GA. - MARCH 7, 1964

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COUNTY	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE
Spalding	Mr. Zimiarel Matin (A)	512 W. College	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. C. W. Daniel (A)	P. O. Box 557	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss France Gresham (Y)	829 E. Solomon St.	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. James Collier (A)	123 North Third St.	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Sandra Holmes (Y)	810 Booker St.	Griffin, Ga.
Troup	Mr. Carey Hughley (A)	210 Pry Hill	Hogansville, Ga.
	Miss Lucinda Glanton (A)	47 Popular	Hogansville, Ga.
	Miss Brenda Sander (Y)	65 Popular	Hogansville, Ga.
	Mr. Carl Hopson (Y)	21 Ware St.	Hogansville, Ga.
	Miss Lois Reemes (Y)	3 Wilkes	Hogansville, Ga.
	Mr. Eddie Philpot (Y)	[illegible] Row	Hogansville, Ga.
	Mr. Walter Jennings (Y)	11 Wilkes	Hogansville, Ga.
	Mr. Louise Rowser (Y)	9 Raptist Dr.	Hogansville, Ga.

March 4, 1964

COUNTIES COMPRISING SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Georgia

County	VAP	WVAP	NVAP	%N	REG	WREG	NREG	%W VAP REG	%N VAP REG	UN-REG VAP
Bibb	87241	60429	26812	30.7	46720	31720	15000	67.8	32.1	
Butts	5294	3195	2099	39.6	4040	3050	990	95.5	47.2	1109
Carroll	22829	19234	3595	15.7	13409	12550	859	65.2	23.9	2736
Clayton	26492	23996	2456	9.3	15638	15094	544	62.9	22.1	1912
Coweta	17470	11891	5579	31.9	10702	9108	1594	76.6	28.6	3985
Fayette	4775	3585	1190	24.9	2786	2760	26	99.0	0.9	3559
Heard	3251	2661	590	18.1	2646	2321	325	87.2	55.1	265
Henry	9968	6429	3539	35.5	9602	7025	2577	109.3	72.8	962
Jones	4840	2655	2185	45.1	3493	2570	923	96.8	42.2	1262
Lamar	6196	4078	2118	34.2	4582	3590	992	88.0	46.8	1126
Meri-weather	11537	6547	4990	43.2	5494	4573	921	69.8	18.4	4069
Monroe	6259	3607	2652	42.4	3938	3200	738	88.7	27.8	1914
Pike	4227	2584	1643	38.9	3412	N/A*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spalding	21909	16657	5252	24.0	10761	9370	1391	56.2	26.5	3861
Troup	29156	20579	8577	29.4	14154	12354	1800	60.0	21.0	6777
Upson	14774	11159	3615	24.5	7059	6404	655	57.4	18.1	2960
TOTAL	276178	199286	76892	27.8	158436	125689	29335	79.3	18.5	48309

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SIXTH U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC - STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - GRIFFIN, GEORGIA - MARCH 7, 1964 - SUGGESTED AGENDA

9:00 AM Registration - Miss Jaunita Daniels - Assisted by Phillip Hood and Miss Gwendolyn Stark, Miss Frances Gresham

9:30 AM Devotions - Memorial to the late John Wesley Dobbs - Rev. Fred C. Bennette

9:45 AM Introduction of staff - A. C. Touchstone, Co-ordinator, Presiding
Adoption of Agenda
Appointment of Committees

10:00 AM Group Singing

10:30 AM Reports from Counties - J. H. Calhoun, Chairman, Statewide Registration Committee, assisted by: Mrs. Racine Roberts, A. L. Jones, E. S. Spikes, Miss Campbell, Mrs. Vermria Martin, W. M. Walker, Fredrick Ball, Mrs. Juanita Morris

HENRY COUNTY

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Henry County Voter-Registration Com.
3. Chairman's name and address Miss Mary Helen Lemon, McDonough, Ga.
4. Campaigns - 1963 Apr. to May 1964 to
5. Total Registration 3,600 Negro Registration Negro Potential 3539
6. Registered - 1963 300 1964 50 No. of Volunteer Workers 2
7. Name of Political Organization Henry County Voters League
8. Name and address of chairman Thomas W. Brown, McDonough, Ga.
9. Significant achievements 50 people registered this month by Miss Mary Ann Lemon. Most Negroes work in Atlanta and Decatur. Other groups: Stockbridge Civic Club, Rev. Harris, Pres., Curtis Wyatt, Stockbridge, Secy. Locust Grove Civic Club, J. A. Lemon, Locust Grove, Pres.

11:30 AM Organization Procedure - Explanation, Citizenship Manual - Daniel Harrell

11:45 AM Financing local registration campaigns

12:00 noon Assemblage by counties
Preparing a voter registration campaign plan by each county
Designation of temporary county committees, with respective chairmen

12:30 PM Recess for Sandwiches and Coffee

1:00 PM Workshops - Political Education: Bread and Meat Objectives-Wm. P. Randall
1:15 PM Roles of Public Officials-J. H. Calhoun
1:50 PM Canvassing: Film: "Knock on Every Door" - Rev. Bennette
Evaluation: Rev. Andrew Young, SCLC, Director
2:15 PM Public Relations - Use of Communications Media, Youth Crusade, Block Parties, Church and School Participation, Neighborhood Registration

2:30 PM Citizenship Education

3:00 PM Recess - Adults - Coffee Break
Youth - "Pep Session," with Cokes and election of officers

3:15 PM Joint Reassembly - Annual District Meeting
Minutes of the last meeting
Reports from committees
Election of officers
Adjournment

3:30 PM Dinner

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SPALDING COUNTY

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter Registration Organization **Citizens Imp. League, NAACP**
3. Chairman's Name and Address **Raymond Head, Jr., 128 N. 8th St., Griffin**
4. Campaigns - 1963 **Aor, 1** **Apr. 30** 1964: **Feb. 1** **May, 2**
5. Total Registration **2800** Negro Registration **1860** Negro Potential **5252**
6. Registered - 1963 **85** 1964 **305** No. of Volunteers Workers **60**
7. Name of Political Organization **None**
8. Name and Address of Chairman
9. Significant Achievements **Lunch counters desegregated, also library; have city voters list can get county for 16 per name. Jas. Ferguson, Youth Council, NAACP led door to door canvass, furnished instructions on procedure and transportation/**

Rev. J. N. Shopshire, Pres. NAACP, reported on youth demonstrations and their results.

TROUP COUNTY

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization **Troup County Voters League**
3. Chairman's name and address **A. J. Cody, 802 Daniels St., LaGrange, Ga.**
4. Campaigns - 1963_____ to _____1964_____ to **May 2, 1964**
5. Total Registration **14,154** Negro Registration **1800** Negro Poteltial **15271**
6. Registered - 1963_____ 1964_____ No. of Volunteer Workers_____
7. Name of Political Organization_____
8. Name and address of chairman_____
9. =Significant achievements **Polls integrated - No segregation except in churches and schools - Register youth as they beop,e 18. Rev. T.J. Neal, new pastor of 1st Baptist Church**

PIKE COUNTY

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Pike County Registration Committee
3. Chairman's Name and Add. D. F. Glover, Zebulon, Ga.
4. Campaigns -1963: 2/15 3/15 1964: Mar. 1 May 2,
5. Total Registration 3,412 Negro Registration 600 Negro Poteltial 1,643
6. Registered-1963: 115 1964: 40 No. of Volunteer Workers 40
7. Name of Poitical Organization Pike County Civic League
8. Name and Address of chairman Anthony Alexander, P. O. Box, Zebulon
9. Significant Achievements Getting committments from sheriff, who has opposition. Some persons belong to Griffin NAACP. Need help outside city limits

LAMAR COUNTY

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization **P. T. A. and Schools**
3. Chairman's name and address **Mrs. Bernice Brown, Barnesville, Ga.**
4. Campaigns - 1963 **Continuous, Yr. Round** 1964 **Jan. 1** **May 2, 1964**
5. Total Registration_____ Negro Registration **1000** Negro Potential **1126**
6. Registered - 1963 **100** 1964_____ No. of Volunteer Workers **4**
7. Name of Political Organization **Barnesville Progressive League-Johnsonville-Goggans**
8. Name and Address of Chairman **Amos Whatley - Warren Bush**
9. Significant Achievements **Registration only once per month; difficult to get applicants back in time. Clinic Fri. Night. Only 12 Negroes on jury list for 12-15 years- Bus drivers not registered. Some places employ Negroes**

Nothing to integrate.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - S. C. L. C. - BULLETIN NO. 3

PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section Lamar County Barnsville, Ga.

Size of Negro Population 4049

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) _____ Negroes _____

Potential Negro Registered Voters _____ Goal _____

Period of Time -- Target Dates From April 1 to May 2

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Barnsville	12	Red Bone	1
Piedmont	2		
Milner	3		
Chappell	1		
Johnsonville	5		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 22

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Barnsville Progressive League
2 Johnsone Goggins Community Club
3 Eeastern Star
4 U. S.
5 American Legion
6 Ladies Auxilliary
7 Saving Club
8 P. T. A.
9 Bethel Baptist Church
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Chairman Mr. Amos Whatley Address 14 Jenkins St. Barnsville, Ga.

SUMMARY

I Secured Basic Information
II Set Registration Goals
III Set Target Date for Beginning and for Ending Registration Drive
IV Outline Boundaries of Concentration Areas
V Set Number of Volunteers Needed; Listed Organizations to Support Drive.
VI Set up Basic Committees (As outlined in Organizational Chart - Example:)

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN

/ ALL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE /

/ STEERING COMMITTEE /

/ Recruiting Com. / Budget-Finance / Car Pool Com. / Tel.-Pub. Com. / Church Comm. /

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - S. C. L. C. - BULLETIN NO. 3

PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section GRIFFIN - SPALDING COUNTY

Size of Negro Population 9,977

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 10760 Negroes 1490

Potential Negro Registered Voters 5250 Goal 2000

Period of Time -- Target Dates From Feb 1 to May 2, 1964

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Ward 1	15	Orra District	3
" 2	30	Experiment "	10
" 3	10	Akins "	2
" 4	12	Mt. Zion	1
Africa District	3		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas _____

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Griffin - Spalding Civic League
2 A. C. Touchstone
3 564 S. 9th St.
4 Citizen Improvement League
5 O. H. Stinson
6 Vew 546
7 Otis Head
8 512 E. 10th St.
9 American Mfg.
10 Arthur Cats
11 Tinsley St.
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13 Stirring Committee
14 Raymond Head, Jr.
15 4th St.
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17 Busy Motron & Helen Pugh, N. 3rd St.
18 Schar St. Chruch - Rev. E. F. Hatches
19 Elks Lodge
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Chairman Dainel Harrell, Jr. Address 25 Bushank Dr., Atlanta, Ga.

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ALL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE

STEERING COMMITTEE

Recruiting Com. / Budget-Finance / Car Pool Com. / Tel.-Pub. Com. / Church Comm.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - S. C. L. C. - BULLETIN NO. 3

PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section Pike County

Size of Negro Population 3,600

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 3,412 Negroes 600

Potential Negro Registered Voters 1,643 Goal 1,000

Period of Time -- Target Dates From March 1 to May 1, 1964

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Zebulon, Ga.	5		
Concord, Ga.	5		
Molena, Ga.	5		
Meansville, Ga.	5		
Williamson	5		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 25

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Pike County Registration Committee
2 Pike " Civic League
3 Mt. Olivet Church
4 Fairfield Church CME
5 Fullers Methodist Church
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13 Mr. D. F. Glover, Box 222, Zebulon, Ga.
14 Mr. Anthon Alexander, P. O. Zebulon, Ga.
15 Mr. L. Trice
16 Mr. Coggins Favors, Concord, Ga.
17 Mrs. Elnora Collier
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Chairman Mr. D. F. Glover Address P. O. Box 272, Zebulon, Ga.

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Site - County, City or Section LAGRANGE (TROUP COUNTY)

Size of Negro Population 1,800

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 14,154 Negroes 1,800

Potential Negro Registered Voters March Goal 6,000

Period of Time -- Target Dates From March to May 2, 1964

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Hogansville City hall	5		
West Point			
Lagrange			

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas _____

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Handicrafters
2 American Legion
3 1st Baptist Church
4 Warren Temple Methodist
5 Springfiled Baptist Church
6 St. Mary's Methodist Church
7 St. Paul " "
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13 Mrs. Epps, Fannin St.
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15 J. J. Neal, Fannin St.
16 G. G. Norton, N. Depot St.
17 L. Glanton, 47 Popular St., Hogansville
18 E. Thrash, 48 Ware St. Hog.
19 Rev. H. L. Johnson, 123 W. Main, Hog.
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Chairman H. J. Johnson
Rev. Huguley

Address P. O. Hogansville

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PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section McDonough, Ga. (Henry County)

Size of Negro Population 10,000

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 10,000 Negroes 3,600

Potential Negro Registered Voters 5,000 Goal 4,000

Period of Time -- Target Dates From March 1st. to September 1st. 1964

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Stockbridge	3	Mr. A. B. Banks	
Locust Grove	6	Mr. James W. Lemon	
Kelly town	2	Mr. Levi Jackson	
Hampton	2	Mr. Joe Neal	

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas _____

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 American Legion 516
2 Bethleham
3 Henry County Voters League
4 Stockbridge Civic Club
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13 Mr. Isaac H. Hill, McDonough
14 Mr. Thomas SolomonSr.
15 Thomas W. Brown, McDonough
16 Mr. A. B. Banks, Stockbridge
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Chairman Thomas W. Brown Address McDonough, Ga.

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SIXTH U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC

GRIFFIN, GA. - MARCH 7, 1964 - MINUTES

The session was opened at Mt. Zion Baptist Church with devotions memorializing the late Grand Master John Wesley Dobbs, led by Rev. Fred C. Bennette. Scripture was read by Rev. Bennette, prayer by Rev. Daniel Harrell, Rev. O. H. Stinson made remarks on the life of Mr. Dobbs.

Mr. A. C. Touchstone, coordinator and presiding officer, introduced the staff members and presented day's agenda for adoption. Appointments of committees were made as follows:

Nominating - Mr. C. W. Daniels - Spalding County
Mr. Thomas W. Brown - Henry County
Mr. D. F. Glover - Pike County
Mr. Carey Hughley - Carroll County
Mr. Warren Bush - Lamar County

(Youth) Mr. Carl Hopson - Troup County
Mr. Mathews Shopshire - Spalding County

Resolutions- Rev. O. H. Stinson - Chairman, Spalding County

(Youth) Mr. Bland Batey - Spalding County
Mrs. Z. Martin - Spalding County
Mr. Amos Whatley - Spalding County
(Youth) Miss Mary Louise Rosser - Troup County

Group Singing was led by Mrs. Josie R. Spikes and Mr. Carl Horton. Some of the songs included were: We Are Climbing Jacobs Ladder, This Little Light of Mine I'm Going To Let It Shine, Don't Let Nobody Turn You Around, etc. These individuals were thanked by rounds of applauses.

Mr. J. H. Calhoun, commended Spalding County. Rev. J. N. Shopshire and Mr. C. W. Daniels were recognized for leading the youth of Griffin and Spalding County so effectively.

Reports and introductions of individuals form various counties were made. Five counties were represented. (Spalding, Lamar, Henry, Troup, Pike). Speaking for Spalding County were: Mr. Raymond Head, Jr., who reported progress made in Spalding County in regards to voter registration. (1,860 registered in Spalding County, 305 newly registered).

Mr. Jimmy Fergurson, (student) representing Spalding County Youth Group reported progress made by the youth group. He told of car pools by youth to carry individuals

to register and attempts made to convince adults that their votes do count (breaking tradition).

Rev. J. N. Shopshire, president, Griffin and Spalding County NAACP, stated that "We are moving in the direction of improvement even though it may seem slow. We have the Negro all over the state of Georgia. We love the voice of the Negro in Griffin. We love to feel that ME are doing something in Griffin. Our Slogan is: Knock on Every Door." He told of the desegregation of lunch counters in Griffin through picketing and negotiating.

Persons named for evaluation of reports from the five counties were assigned as follows:

Miss R. Roberts - Lamar County
Mrs. Z. Martin - Lamar County
Mr. Ball - Henry County
Mr. F. Touchstone - Pike County
Mr. J. Collier - Troup County
Mr. P. Hood - Troup County
Rev. D. Harrel - Spalding County
Mr. Fred C. Bennette - Spalding County
Mr. Eric Hendericks - Spalding County

Mr. Thomas W. Brown, reporting for Henry County, stated that they have 3,600 people registered (51% white) and that registration was done on an individual basis. April and May are designated as campaign time; however, 50 people registered last week. Henry County has a Voters League. Most of their people work in Atlanta and Decatur.

Mr. Warren Bush, representing Lamar County, stated that Lamar County ranks 93rd in the state as to size. Problems encountered are getting folks to vote after registering. A county-wide Voter Clinic is planned for the near future. They are trying to revise the practice of colored people for jury duty. Mr. Amos Whatley is chairman of Barnesville Program League. Mr. W. Bush, chairman, Johnsonville Goddans Community Club. Small town of that size has little or nothing to integrate. Specific additional problem cited were: individuals are only able to vote when they have met the board of registars. Six months prior registration is required to vote.

Mr. D. F. Glover, representing Pike County, reported the existence of a Registration Committee through the years (the school functions too) February and May of last year constituted the last campaign led by the Pike County Registration Committee

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(D. F. Glover, chairman). 600 Negroes are registered with a potential Registered of 1,643 - (1960) 115 registered last year; 15 workers in the Pike County Voters League. People from Pike County are members of Griffin NAACP Chapter.

Mrs. Lasindie Glaton, Hogansville, Ga., Troup County reported for the Progressive Civic League J. S. Strozier, chairman. Polls were integrated more than 1 year ago. Troup County needs organization. We take each one who becomes of age to register. Need is for man power to get man interested. Rev. Carey Hughley reported that Mr. A. J. Cody is chairman of the Troup County Voters League, LaGrange, but that the organization had not been so active since Rev. A. R. Hill, pastor of the 1st Baptist Church moved to Florida. He promised to consult with Rev. Neal, the new pastor and Mr. Cody, about renewing activity. At this point Mr. Calhoun introduced special visitors: Atty. Vernon Jordan, Horace Ward, Mrs. Barbara Whitaker, all of Atlanta, each of whom spoke. County reports, as evaluated are attached. The county representatives having met separately to plan voter registration campaigns, copies of these plans are also attached.

Mr. Calhoun led a discussion on Political Education involving Bread and Meat objectives and Roles of Public Officials. Rev. Daniel Harrel explained Citizenship Education program stating centers for training, as well as, distributing copies of the Citizenship Education Program of the SCLC. Each county was urged to send in applications for persons to attend the Dorchester Academy Citizenship School at McIntosh, Georgia. The youth groups were excused for their "Pep Session" and to elect officers.

There was some discussion on Public Relations indicating the use of radio, television, newspapers and demonstrations to saturate the community with the urgency of registering and voting.

The Clinic recessed for dinner, during which period the annual district meeting was held. The Resolution Committee submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

The Sixth U. S. Congressional District Organization of the Statewide Registration Committee is keenly aware of the problems facing the Negro, with respect to his voting rights, and priviledges. For this reason, the Committee is devoting much time and effort toward helping Negroes in every county, to do something with

these problems.

The Committee stands ready at all times to assist Negro leaders in their respective communities, in voter-registration drives, and the drives, and to provide information to the leaders, concerning their particular problems. Furthermore, we cannot emphaise too strongly the great meaning that the ballot has for the Negro in obtaining opportunities and rights which are rightfully his. Therefore, we urge that there be a redoubling of the efforts of Negroe leaders everywhere, pretaining to registration, voting, and obtaining every right and priviledge which belong to us an American Citizens.

Respectfully
RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Chairman, Rev. O. H. Stinson
Spalding County
Miss Louis Rosser (Troup County)
Miss Jeralene Strickland (Pike County)
Bland Batey (Spalding County)

The nominating committee submitted the following recommendationg for offirers and executive committee:

Chairman - Thomas W. Brown (McDonough, Ga.)
V. Chairman D. F. Glover (Pike)
Secretary - Philip Hood (Griffin)
Asst. Secretary - Inceandy Glanton (Troup)
Treasurer - Warren Bush (Lamar)

I D. F. Glover
P. O. Box 272 (Pike)
Zebulon, Ga.

II Philip L. Hood
426 Jefferson St. (Spalding)
Griffin, Ga.

III Mrs. Lucindy Glanton
Popular St. (Troup)
Hogansville, Ga.

IV Warren Bush
Route 2, Box 14 (Lamar)
Barnesville, Ga.

Executive Committee

Mr. Archie Ross
Route 1 (Butts)

Flovvilla, Ga.

Mr. L. S. Mol tte
Box 1418 (Carral)
Carrolton, Ga.

Dr. W. D. Brown
Newnan, Ga. (Coweta)

Mr. L. W. Davis
Route 1 (Heard)
Franklin

Warren Bush (Lamar)

Mr. R. O. Hill
Box 37 (Merriweather)
Greenville, Ga.

D. F. Glover (Pike

Mr. G. W. Daniel
P. O. Box 557 (Spalding)
Griffin, Ga.

Mr. Edward Warthy
522 Drake St. (Upson)
Thomaston, Ga.

Mr. C. L. Henderson
128 Watterson St. (Clayton)
Jonesboro, Ga.

Miss Thelma Akers
Fayette, Ga. (Fayette)

Mr. B. F. Crawford
Califf High School (Jones)
Gray, Ga.

Mr. S. E. Hubbard
Hubbard High School (Monroe)
Forsyth, Ga.

Mr. Cornelius Willaims
West End High School (Troup)
Hogansville, Ga.

On motion, properly seconded, the committee report was adopted and the persons named were declared elected. Chairman - Jimmy Ferguson submitted the following Youth Report for officers: (Secure address from registration)

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Vice President - Lonnie Leeks
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Mattie Driver
Yvonne Matthews

The youth report was adopted unanimously.

J. H. Calhoun, Chairman
Statewide Registration Committrr
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Attendance Schedule

Dist.	County	Adults	Youth	Total
V	Fulton	7	0	7
VI	Henry	1	0	1
	Lamar	3	0	3
	Pike	1	3	4
	Spalding	19	27	46
	Troup	2	6	8
Totals		33	36	69

J. H. Calhoun, Chairman
STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
Ga. Director Voter-Registration, S. C. L. C.

Big Vote Expected Today In Troup County Primary

Columbus Enq., 3/25/64 6th Cong. Dist.

By JOE RAILEY
Valley Bureau

LaGRANGE, Ga.—Troup County voters go to the polls today to cast ballots in the Democratic primary, with the ballot carrying candidates for 23 offices.

The polls are scheduled to be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A heavy vote has been forecast, due to incumbents in some of the top offices of the county having opposition.

In all, there are 14 precincts in the county, with approximately 14,000 registered voters. A number of the precincts will have more than one ballot box. Voting will be by paper ballots.

Three of the five county commissioners, including Chairman Robert F. "Bob" Fischer, face opposition. He is opposed by Robert Allman and Clay W. Rainwater.

Commissioner Earl Edwards of West Point is opposed by Frank L. Cochran and Jack Fling of LaGrange.

Commissioner Denis "Dink" Smith of the Salem community is opposed by A. B. "Bernard" White.

John Carley, veteran clerk of the superior court, is opposed by Lee Carruth, while Sheriff L. W. Bailey faces opposition from Donald R. Jenkins.

Pierce Bruce, who has been county tax commissioner for more than 10 years is opposed by Larry Hales of LaGrange.

Other contested races are: LaGrange district constable, Dorsey L. Smith, incumbent, and E. L. "Pee Wee" Smith; Troup County Board of Education, district no. 3, G. Emerson Bryant and Odell Smith; Troup County Board of Education, district no. 4. S. G. "Sam" Heflin, Winfred Ward and Robert F. "Bob" Wheeler.

Incumbent candidates without opposition are Joseph C. Jackson, judge of civil and criminal court; Wilson P. Darden, solicitor of civil and criminal court; John R. Newman, county commissioner; W. A. Crawford, county commissioner; Jack Cleaveland, coroner; J. Crawford Ware, post no. 1, general assembly; Harry Spikes, post no. 2, general assembly; Mrs. A. B. Fokes, LaGrange district justice of peace; K. W. Anderson, LaGrange, district constable.

H. A. Hipp, Hogansville district justice of peace; N. L. Barker, West Point district justice of peace; William "Pete" Ward, McClendon district justice of peace, and Herbert C. Barnes,

3-26
6th Cong. Dist

April 1, 1964

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Barbara I. Whitaker

Re: ATTENDANCE AT SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MEETING
GEORGIA VOTERS LEAGUE - DUBLIN, GEORGIA

On Wednesday evening, February 19, 1964, I attended the above mentioned meeting at Saint Paul A.M.E. Church, Dublin. A program is attached.

Prior to attending the meeting, I did some preliminary research on the counties comprising the Sixth District. The results are included here for informationalppurposes.

COUNTY	COUNTY SEAT	TOTAL VAP	N VAP	% N VAP	TOTAL REG	NEGRO REG	% N REG
Baldwin	Milledgeville	25,344	9,235	36.4	6,830	1,077	16.0
Bibb	Macon	87,241	26,812	30.7	46,720	NA	NA
Bleckley	Cochran	5,908	1,380	23.3	3,928	45	3.2
Crawford	Knoxville	3,207	1,611	50.2	1,580	280	17.4
Glascock	Gibson	1,632	351	21.5	1,284	1	0.03
Hancock	Sparta	5,303	3,576	67.4	2,262	853	23.8
Jasper	Monticello	3,630	1,705	47.0	2,697	653	38.3
Jefferson	Louisville	9,717	4,780	49.2	4,807	283	5.9
Johnson	Wrightsville	4,716	1,261	26.7	3,470	236	18.7
Jones	Gray	4,840	2,185	45.1	3,493	923	42.2
Laurens	Dublin	19,462	6,284	32.3	12,031	22441	38.8
Monroe	Forsyth	6,259	2,652	42.4	3,938	738	27.8
Putnam	Eatonton	4,501	2,204	45.3	2,866	563	25.5
Twiggs	Jeffersonville	4,224	2,255	53.4	1,944	246	10.9
Washington	Sandersville	10,824	5,451	50.4	8,131	1,134	32.7
Wilkes	Irwinton	5,414	2,279	42.1	3,406	468	20.5
TOTALL		202,222	64,021	31.6	109,387	10,941	10.0

These counties are all located in the Black Belt in central Georgia. For the most part, the primary industry is agriculture, although in recent years, a number of light industrial sites have appeared. Macon (Bibb County), is the only city in the district, while there are a number of urban places. VEP has supported a registration drive in Bibb County.

There were over 200 people in attendance at this meeting. This seemed surprisingly good for a Wednesday evening affair, considering many of the attendees had to travel over 200 miles round trip. Representation came from Bibb, Jasper, Johnson, Jones, Laurens, Putnam, Twiggs, Washington, and Wilkes counties.

The highlight of the evening was a stirring address by Rev. Floyd Rose, who was a last minute substitute for the announced speaker. Rev. Rose is the youthful (about 25) pastor of the Elizabeth Avenue Church of Christ, Macon. He gave a forceful presentation of the plight of the Negro in achieving "his place in the sun" beginning with the arrival of the first slaves in the Seventeenth Century. He closed his emotion-packed remarks with an account of an act of intimidation by the Tax Collector (also Voter Registrar) in Jones County. According to Rev. Rose, a young man took his wife to register at the courthouse in Bray (county seat of Jones County). When he stated his missinn, he was told that she would have to register in the adjoining county as her vote was "not wanted" in Jones County. When he reiterated his mission, indicating he was registered in Jones County, the Tax Collector shoved him and his wife toward the door. When they resisted, the husband was knocked to the floor and the wife was slapped forcibly, causing her to lose her balance also. At this point, the couple left. The recounting of this experience had a telling effect on the audience. As one watched their faces, it appeared that many of them were actually reliving this or similar experiences. This speech seemed to establish a tone for the meeting that was not lost throughout the evening.

The group then moved to a report from the represented counties on registration activities during the calendar year. Here again there was a sense of people really trying, at varying degrees of efficiency, to get a job done. One by one, the story repeated itself. There was pride in the job being done, with some expressing the feeling that their efforts were not really "paying off." I thought as I listened that it was tragic that there people had no one to really offer them any assistance. Here was a role that VEP could play, with adequate field staff. I do not maintain that staggering gains could be made quickly, because even in this group, there was an obvious need for political education. But this group had the will! If only there was some way, they could be provided with the knowledge of how to get the job done!

In closing, a local Laurens County citizen, H. H. Dudley, made a lenghhy, but effective, exhortation, urging those interested and dedicated to voter registration to return to their respective communities and do more. I felt, as the meeting closed, that much of the fire of the meeting would

be drowned by the variety of obstacles these workers would encounter. Again, the idea occurred to me that professional assistance from someone who had an understanding of thepproblems to be solved would be of untold value to this group.

Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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Attachment: Agenda

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC -

CEDARTOWN, GA., APRIL 11, 1964

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The meeting was opened with devotions, led by Rev. C. G. Gissentanner, as a memorial to the late Prince Hall Grand Master John Wesley Dobbs. Singing was led by Mrs. B. J. Dennis, prayer by Mr. J. H. Gibbs and remarks by Mr. J. H. Calhoun, State Chairman. The proposed agenda was read and adopted.

The following persons were introduced by Rev. Clarence Tuggle, Seventh District Chairman, who presided, as staff:

Mrs. Juanita Harrell, S. C. L. C., Registrar
Rev. Daniel Harrell, S. C. L. C., Field Worker
J. H. Calhoun, State Chairman
Consultants: Rev. Calvin Williams
Rev. C. G. Gissentanner
D. M. Pounds
Rev. Rufus Elder
B. J. Dennis

The group singing was led by Rev. Tuggle and Rev. Gissentanner as follows: "Woke up this Morning," "This Little Light Of Mine," "Oh Freedom," "Give Me that Old Time Religion (and voting Spirit)," and "We Shall Overcome."

There were reports from the following counties: Polk, Gordon, Floyd, Cobb and Bartow. All thru these reports the activities of leaders in local political campaigns was emphasized, indicating also the interest of sheriffs and public officials in registering Negroes. Most of the registration was done by individuals as representatives of organizations, however. Only in Floyd County, where churches were used as focal points, especially in rural areas, was there evidence of organizational activity. It was apparent that there are no restrictions against registering; county officers, especially sheriffs, help, polling places are integrated and candidates openly seek Negro votes. Not many demands are made by the Negro leadership, upon persons running for office, however.

Rev. Daniel Harrell spoke on the details of organizing in a coordinated campaign. Mr. Calhoun explained how to organize a block party and asked each person present to have one; block party instructions were promised each delegate thru the mail early during the next week. Rev. Fred G. Bennette arrived and showed the picture: "Knock on Every Door." It was evaluated as follows by Mr. Calhoun:

DIRECTION FILE

I Grace Felton's Dilemma - A situation with many older people.

A. Bored and call friends to no avail; decided to go to movies.
B. Conversation with son and daughter-in-law, who tried to understand, showed her frustration.
C. Attended movie: "Six Guns for Fort Apache."
D. Fled in fright after being awakened by shooting
E. Visited coffee bar until it closed.

II Attended political meeting to get out of the rain.

A. Persuaded to stay by District Committeeman
B. Became interested in people's not voting
C. Decision to become a precinct worker
1. Son amazed
2. Daughter-in-law amused
3. Try to change voting habits of her neighbors

III Precinct activities

A. Stuffing envelopes
B. Attending meetings; telephone calls
C. Canvassing - 11 more registered voters secured in her precinct
1. Out in rain, canvassing and caught cold
2. Doctor - Confined her to bed 3 or 4 days
3. Election day tomorrow
4. Son and daughter-in-law agree to canvass for her

D. Canvass by son and daughter-in-law

1. "Tell him" - "Channel 6" - Hot argument by daughter-in-law
a. Harry, the husband, not interested
b. Grace had sold the wife
2. School bands to be voted for by both

E. Invalid

1. Absentee ballot after 31 years
2. Gave them ballot to mail Grace Felton got him registered

F. Baby Sitter needed

1. Never voted before because of baby
2. Grace showed her how to diaper the baby; now she's a voter.

G. Japanese

1. Has mastered exam to become naturalized
2. When granted honor to vote, they won't have to be asked.

H. "Holes in head" - Heated argument by son

1. "Loud mouth" griper
2. Rights and responsibilities stressed

J. Kids took over Grace Felton's responsibility on election day

IV Visit from District Committeeman - Mr. Graham

A. Only 18 to 22% of other precincts voted
B. Grace's precinct 78%
C. More than last minute help next time promised by kids.

The following nominating committee was appointed:

Name of County	Name of Person
Floyd	Rev. J. L. Vaughn & Rev. E. D. Pinkard
Cobb	George Miller and Aaron Cuthbert
Polk	B. J. Dennis, Sr. and Rev. Calvin Williams
Bartow	H. E. Canty and Haywood Ellis
Gordon	C. H. Hunt

The Clinic adjourned for lunch, after which the delegates were grouped by counties to prepare registration plans with the assistance of consultants. At the reassembly, Bread and Meat Objectives were discussed by Rev. Tuggle; Mr. Calhoun explained and distributed material on: Roles of Public Officials, Public Relations and Citizenship Schools. The group then adjourned for dinner, where the nominating committee recommended, as officers:

Chairman, Rev. Clarence Tuggle
Vice Chairman, Aaron Cuthbert
Secretary, H. E. Canty
Treasurer, C. H. Hunt

On motion, properly seconded there report was adopted and the officers declared elected. It was moved and properly seconded that the nominating committee with Mrs. M. J. Woods replacing Aaron Cuthbert, plus the officers, form the executive committee; the motion passed.

There being no futher business the meeting was adjourned.

J. H. Calhoun, Chairman
STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Rev.) Clarence Tuggle, Chairman
7th U. S. Congressional District

PERSONS ATTENDING 7TH U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC - CEDARTOWN, GA. - APRIL 11, 1964

COUNTY	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE
Cobb	Mr. George Miller (A)	637 E. Leamon St.	Marietta, Ga.
	Mr. Aaron Cuthbert (A)	403 Cole St.	Marietta, Ga.
Bartow	Mr. H. E. Canta (A)	306 N. Bartow St.	Cartersville, Ga.
	Mr. Haywood Ellis (A)	General Delivery	Emmerson, Ga.
	Rev. A. L. Lewis (A)	7 Spurlock	Rome, Ga.
Floyd	Rev. E. D. Pinkard (A)	402 Brown Ave.	Rome, Ga.
	Rev. J. L. Vaughn (A)	330 Brannon Ave.	Rome, Ga.
	Rev. Clarence Tuggle (A)	6 Gibbons St.	Rome, Ga.
	Mr. Larry Wright (Y)	10 Gibbons St.	Rome, Ga.
	Mr. David Smith (Y)	15 Gibbons St.	Rome, Ga.
Gordon	Mr. C. H. Hunt (A)	527 Oothcaloga	Calhoun, Ga.
Polk	Rev. Calvin Williams (A)	Rt. 1, Box 48	Rockmart, Ga.
	Mr. Rufus Elder (A)	857 Ellharlee	Rockmart, Ga.
	Mr. B. J. Dennis, Jr. (A)	Rt. 2, Box 182	Rockmart, Ga.
	Mr. B. J. Dennis, Sr. (A)	Rt. 2, Box 182	Rockmart, Ga.
	Mrs. B. J. Dennis (A)	Rt. 2, Box 182	Rockmart, Ga.
	(Miss) Ruby Pollard (A)	568 Irwan St.	CedarTown, Ga.
	Mr. C. G. Gissentamer (A)	228 Ceder Hill St.	Cedartwon, Ga.
	Mr. B. M. Pounds (A)	200 Merrits Ave	Cedartown, Ga.
	(Miss) Sallie W. Strickland (A)	Rt. 1, Box 156	Cedartown, Ga.
	Mr. J. H. Gibbs (A)	Rt. 1	Cedartown, Ga.
	(Miss) Irene Sherfield (A)	Rt. 1	Cedartown, Ga.
	(Miss) Pettie Skills (A)	Rt. 1, Box 49	Cedartown, Ga.
	Mrs. R. O. Gathins(A)	117 Thompson	Cedartown, Ga.
	Mrs. D. M. Pounds (A)	200 Merrits Ave.	Cedartown, Ga.
	(Miss) Ammie Chislom (A)	218 Merrits St.	Cedartown, Ga.
	(Miss) Shirley A. Grant (A)	Rt. 1	Cedartown, Ga.
	Mr. S. R. Brown (A)	Rt. 3, Box 10	Cedartown, Ga.
	(Miss) Bertha E. Brown (A)	Rt. 3, Box 10	Cedartown, Ga.

ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE

DIST.	COUNTY	ADULTS	YOUTH	TOTAL
VII	Cobb	2	0	2
	Bartow	3	0	3
	Floyd	3	2	5
	Gordon	1	0	1
	Polk	18	0	18
TOTALS		27	2	29

COMPLETE TOTAL - 29

SEVENTH U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC - STATEWIDE REGISTRCTION

COMMITTEE - CEDARTWON, GEORGIA - APRIL 11, 1964 - SUGGESTED AGENDA

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10:00 AM Group Singing

10:30 AM Reports from Counties - J. H. Calhoun, Chairman, Statewide Registration Committee

Cobb County
1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Cobb County Voter Registration
3. Chairman's name and address D. Holmes c/o Hanaly Funaral Home
4. Campaigns - 1963 Apr. to Mar. 1964 to
5. Total Registration Negro Registration Negro Potential
6. Registered - 1963 1,100 1964 200 No. of Volunteer Workers 80-85
7. Name of Political Organization Same
8. Name and address of chairman
9. Significant achievements Ran Mr. Holmes for City Council last year, lost only by 57 votes; had enough but they did not vote - One Negro postman; one more next week. Locked integrated - Expect to get Negro police.

11:30 AM Organization Procedure - Seven Steps - Block Parties - Daniel Harrell

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Floyd County - Rev. Calvin Williams

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Rome Civic League
3. Chairman's name and address Rev. Clarence Tuggle, 6 Gibbens St., Rome
4. Campaigns - 1963 Feb. 1 to June 1 1964 _____ to _____
5. Total Registration ____ Negro Registration 2100 Negro Potential 5,949
6. Registered - 1963 195 1964 50 No. of Volunteer Workers ____
7. Name of Political Organization Same
8. Name and address of chairman Same
9. Significant achievements State Senator E. L. Hall endorsed elected as well as 6 city officials city busses, library, polls integrated vocational school integrated with 9 Negro students. 18 of 24 members of the Board voted to desegregate schools.

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Gordon County - Rev. Elder

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization West Side Civic League
3. Chairman's name and address Prof. James W. Streeter, 732 Alexander St., Calhoun
4. Campaigns - 1963 May to _____ 1964 _____ to _____
5. Total Registration 8,713 Negro Registration 37 Negro Potential 669
6. Registered - 1963 _____ 1964 _____ No. of Volunteer Workers _____
7. Name of Political Organization Gordon County Civic League
8. Name and address of chairman C. H. Hunt, 527 Oothcaloga St., Calhoun
9. Significant achievements Elected all officers supported in June, 1963 selected by discussing each. Some industries tried to influence votes but were unsuccessful.

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Polk County - Rev. Gissentanner

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Polk County Voters League
3. Chairman's name and address Rev. Calvin Williams, Rt. 1, Box 45, Rockmart
4. Campaigns - 1963 2 wks. at a time 1964 _____ to _____
5. Total Registration 15,000 Negro Registration [illegible] Potential 2,442
6. Registered - 1963 _____ 1964 300 No. of Volunteer Workers _____
7. Name of Political Organization Same
8. Name and address of chairman _____
9. Significant achievements Registration done by individuals and American Legion, Polk County Voters League Schools, Nine candidates recommended Mar. 25 Primary 8 elected. Committee composed of representatives from each district to make decissions

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STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - S. C. L. C. - BULLETIN NO. 3

PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section Cartersville, Ga.

Size of Negro Population 3,643

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 1,250 Negroes

Potential Negro Registered Voters Goal 1,600

Period of Time -- Target Dates From Jan. 1964 to Jan. 1965

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Adairsville	3	Emerson	4
Kingston	4	Ritleboro	2
Cassville	4	Rydal	1
Pine Grove	3	Richmond	5
Sugar Valley	3	Summer Hill	4

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 35

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2 Macedonia
3 Mt. Olive
4 4th Ward Club
5 American Legion
6 Masonic
7 St. Luke AME
8 Boys Scouts of America
9 IFC Club
10 New Hope Baptist Church
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Chairman H. E. Canty Address 306 N. Bartow St., Cartersville, Ga.

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/ ALL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE /
/ STEERING COMMITTEE /
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PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section Cobb County (Continued)

Size of Negro Population _____

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) _____ Negroes _____

Potential Negro Registered Voters _____ Goal _____

Period of Time -- Target Dates From _____ to _____

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Macedonia	5		
White Circle	6		
Mt. Zion	3		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 14

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

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Site - County, City or Section Polk County (Cedartown) Ga.

Size of Negro Population 4,460

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) _____ Negroes 1,800

Potential Negro Registered Voters 2,442 Goal 300

Period of Time -- Target Dates From 4/11/64 to 5/2/64

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
		Senor	2
		Lake Creek	2
Cedartown	3	Prior Station	3
Pepper Town	3	Bloomingtown	1
East View	4	Rockmart	2
Young Station	1	Tolberttown	2
Ware Grove	2	Aragon	2
College Vallie	3	Veamworth	2

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 29

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Polk County Voters League
2 Am. Legion Gibson Smith
3 So. Star Lodge No. 360
4 Morning Star Lodge No. 595
5 Sister Hood Club
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13 Mr. Calvin Williams, Rt. 1, Rockmart
14 Mr. James T. Young, Rt. 2, Rockmart
15 Mr. D. H. Pound, 200 Harritt St., Cedartown
16 Mr. J. T. Pound, Rt. 2, Rockmart
17 Mrs. Odge Phillpot, Rockmart
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Chairman Mr. Calvin Williams Address Rt. 1, Box 41, Rockmart, Ga.

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(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section Cobb County

Size of Negro Population [illegible]

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) _____ Negroes 8,500

Potential Negro Registered Voters _____ Goal 500

Period of Time -- Target Dates From April 11, 1964 to May 3, 1964

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Powder Springs	3	Elizabeth	5
Austen	7	Kennesaw	3
Acworth	10	Liberty Hill	6
Smyrna	5	St. John	5
Marietta	25	Mableton	6

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 75

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

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(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section Floyd County

Size of Negro Population 9,000

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 21,016 Negroes 2,200

Potential Negro Registered Voters 1,000 Goal 1,000

Period of Time -- Target Dates From 4/11/64 to 5/2/64

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Canesprings	4	Moten Ben	2
Six Miles	1	Texas Valley	1
Lindel	2	(Rome) North	8
Spring Hin - Armuchee	2	" South	8
Shamen	2	" East	8
		" West	4

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 6

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Rome & Floyd County Civic League
2 Lovejoy Baptist Church
3 St. Paul AME
4 Mt. Calvary B. C.
5 Springfiled Baptist Church
6 Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
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13 Rev. Clarence Tuggle, 6 Gibbons St., Rome
14 Rev. J. L. Vaughan, paster, 330 Breughgum
15 Rev. D. S. Sander, paster
16 Rev. G. P. Bowman, paster
17 Rev. B. M. Collins, paster
18 Prof. S. T. Burrell, Hughs St., Rome, Ga.
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Chairman Clarence Tuggle Address 6 Gibb ons St., Rome, Ga.

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PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section Gordon (Calhoun) Ga.

Size of Negro Population 1,138

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 8,713 Negroes 375

Potential Negro Registered Voters 75 Goal 100

Period of Time -- Target Dates From 4/11/64 to 5/2/64

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Calhoun, Ga.	5		
Redbud	2		
Curryville	3		
Fairmount	1		
Pine Chapel	1		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 12

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 West Side Civic League
2 Gordon County Man Civic Club
3 Fetch Chapel ME Church
4 Lawson Scurr
5 P. J. A. Stephens Hi School c/o
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13 James W. Streeter, 732 Alexander St.
14 C. H. Hunt, 527 Cohnsaloga St.
15 Rev. Mercury Beeman, Silver Creek, Ga.
16 Velma Hunt, 522 Cohnsaloga, St.
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Chairman James W. Streeter Address 732 Alexander St., Calhoun, Ga.

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February 10, 1964

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Barbara I. Whitaker

Re: Field Trip to Waycross, Georgia to 8th Congressional District Meeting

On Saturday, February 1, 1964, I attended the 8th Congressional District meeting, Georgia Voters League at the American Legion Post, Waycross, Georgia. A program is attached to this report.

The counties included in the 8th Congressional District are: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Berrien, Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Glynn, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Telfair, Ware, and Wayne. These counties are all located in the southeastern section of the state and for the most part, the economy is agrarian, with tobacco, peanuts, hogs, cattle, dairy products, corn, being the principal agricultural products..In addition, there is some forestry (slash and long needle pine, cypress, gum) and light industry (textiles, paper, lumber and wood, transportation equipment, etc.) Valdosta (Lowndes County), population 30,652, is the only city (according to 1962 Bureau of Census, County and City Data Book) within the district, while there are fifteen urban places: Alma (Bacon), Baxley (Appling), Brunswick (Glynn), Dock Junction (unincorporated, Glynn), Douglas (Coffee), Hazlehurst (Jeff Davis), Hebardville (unincorporated, Ware), Homerville (Clinch), Jesup (Wayne), McRae (Telfair), Nashville (Berrien), Ocilla (Irwin), St. Mary's (Camden), St. Simons (unincorporated, Glynn), and Waycross (Ware). VEP has supported registration activities in Telfair and Ware counties (SCLC), and Glynn (NAACP).

I was immediately impressed with the general enthusiasm of the group. The weather was inclement and probably served as a deterrent to some individuals, but there seemed to be a representative number present. There was an encouragingly large number of high school students present. They seemed to be well motivated and knowledgeable about the activities of the day. It was apparent that they had been in attendance at previous meetings and great emphasis was placed on according them recognition. It was particularly interesting to note from various reports, the number of public school principals and teachers who are becoming involved in voter registration-education activities.

It was apparent throughout the program that there are the rudimentary beginnings of organized political activity among the represented

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counties. There is some need for some concentrated effort on someone's part to help the group to become more solidly organized and confident in their ability to demonstrate political strength in their respective communities. J. H. Calhoun, President, Georgia Voters League, indicated in conversation that money had at one time been requested from VEP for some non-partisan organizational activity along U. S. Congressional District lines. I got no clear understanding of the reason for rejection because I did not feel that I was knowledgeable enough to discuss the matter with him. It would seem that the Georgia Voters League does lend itself to some concerted organizational efforts aimed at educating leaders in the Negro community in the value of political participation.

The report of registration activity in several counties was interesting. The reports as given by conferees are as follows:

County	Negro Registration-1963	Total Negro Registration*
Appling	10 or 15	61
Berrien	24 (15 - 1964)	N/A
Clinch	650	700
Jeff Davis	200	600 (1400 white)
Ware	300	3000

Mrs. Pearlie Steel, Homerville, Clinch County, reported concentrated efforts to get people out to register in time for the city election on the last Wednesday in February. She also spoke at length about the role of Negro voters in defeating a bond issue for construction of schools when it became apparent that there were no suggested expenditures for additional Negro schools. P. B. McCoy indicated the books in Ware County had been purged and there was a drive afoot to try to get all of the purged registrants re-registered.

I am enclosing an account of my remarks to the group:

"The Voter Education Project, a research project of the Southern Regional Council, had its inception on April 1, 1962. Its purpose is to promote voter registration and education on a non-partisan basis. It has provided funds to projects undertaken by CORE, NAACP, NUL, SCLC, and SNCC, as well as local groups working independently or in conjunction with one of the five groups mentioned earlier.

"Since its beginning, VEP has provided funds which have indreased Negro voter registration in eleven southern states over 327,000. Approximately 46,000 of these are your fellow Georgians.

*Estimates only.

"We believe a voteless people is a voiceless people. If you don't vote, you don't count. With your leadership, both at the state and grass roots level, it is the responsibility of each of you to use whatever talents at your disposal to urge your families, friends, and neighbors to register. But this is just the first step! After you register, vote! Only as you exercise your God-given responsibility and right, can you bring your weight to bear on the politicians to help us achieve our goal - a democratic society in which all can realize the fullest measure of self-development."

This was my initial attendance at a meeting of this nature since joining VEP. I was imbued with the possibilities inherent in working with an organization of this type. I am prepared to discuss this in depth with you and Randolph Blackwell should you desire.

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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Election Officials Seek 600 "Missing" Absentee Votes In Berrien County

Atl. World 2-28-64

244 Other Votes Regarded Questionable; Were Opened

NASHVILLE Ga.—(UPI)—Berrien County Democratic election officials were looking Thursday for the county registrar and an estimated 600 absentee votes missing in a runoff primary for sheriff.

The missing absentee votes, along with 244 others regarded as questionable, prevented the County Democratic Executive Committee from certifying the winner of Wednesday's runoff between incumbent sheriff Walter Gaskins and his challenger, J. T. Hughes, a Nashville insurance salesman.

Nashville precinct manager Sam Barker said the absentee votes were all cast in the Nashville precinct. Over 800 absentee ballots were issued for the runoff.

The absentee ballot box was opened Wednesday night, officials said, and only 284 absentee ballots were inside. Forty were sealed in official envelopes; 240 were in plain envelopes or had been opened, officials reported.

Election officials said they wanted a ruling from registrar Horace Williams, a Nashville wholesale lumber dealer, on how to count the existing absentee votes.

Officials said they were to meet Thursday with Williams to certify the votes. The Democratic Executive Committee remained in session through much of the day but was unable to locate Williams through business associates or his family.

By nightfall, neither Williams nor the estimated 600 missing absentee ballots had been located.

Barker, who is also chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, named a subcommittee to consolidate then returns and announce a winner if and when it is learned what became of the missing votes.

Sheriff Gaskins, 41, who has served two four-year terms as chief law enforcement officer of the South Georgia county, said he intends to contest the election on the basis of incomplete returns and irregularities in other of the county's nine precincts.

In the four-way primary three weeks ago, Gaskins said he received 70 per cent of the absentee votes cast.

"Yesterday I got about one-fourth of them," on the basis of those in the box, he said.

"I feel like the people in Berrien County have been mistreated . . . " the sheriff said.

In the original primary, Gaskins received 2,091 votes to 1,779 for Hughes, who had lost in the race for sheriff twice before.

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MINUTES OF THE EIGH[illegible] CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CLINIC [illegible]CROSS,

GEORGIA - MARCH 21, 1964

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The meeting was opened with devotions led by Rev. Fred C. Bennette, assisted by Mr. Bernard Benson, Rev. J. E. Ross and Rev. J. F. Mann as Memorial to the late John Wesley Dobbs. The songs were: "When the Saints Go Marching Home," "I Want to Be Ready" and "John Dobbs We Love You." Rev. Mann described Mr. Dobbs as he knew him: "A profound thinker, a safe and sound leader, the type of leadership we need now in a time of crisis."

Mr. P. B. McCoy, the Eighth District Chairman, presided and introduced the staff for the clinic. The proposed agenda was adopted. The following nominating committee was appointed:

Rev. J. E. Ross, Ware
Miss Ronzie Smith, Ware
Mrs. Pearlie Mae Steele, Clinch
Miss Hazel Richardson, Clinch
Mr. J. F. Mann, Glynn
Rev. L. Hicks, Brantley

A group singing period was led by Mr. Benson: "Give Me that Old Voting Spirit," "This Little Light of Mine," "We Are Soldiers In the Army," "We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder," "Woke Up This Mor ning," "We Shall Overcome" and "Walk In Jerusalem Just Like John. " He was ably assisted by Rev. J. E. Ross.

Progress reports were made by representatives from each county after each of them stood and introduced themselves.

Counties Represented

1. Ware
2. Clinch
3. Glynn
4. Brantley
5. Jeff Davis
6. Coffee County, by two delegates who stopped on their way to Macon.

A favorable report was made by Prof. Ellis Whitaker, principal of Homerville Elementary and High School in Clinch County. Mrs. Pearlie Steele and assistant principal Lucius S. Glencamp, also made remarks and asked the help of the State and District leaders in their organization and their work in registration. Mrs. Steele reported a 76 year old man had recently registered in Clinch County without having to be tested.

Rev. J. F. Mann of Glynn County, reported for his county and stated that they are well organized, with a well-regulated, year-round program. He reported a total of 100 workers, including students and how meetings moved from section to section of the county.

NAACP and other organizations cooperated.

Rev. J. E. Ross spoke for Ware County and reported approximately 3100 registered voters, which brings the total a little above the 1960 figure because of an undetermined number of purges for failure to vote.

Rev. L. Hicks reported for Brantley County, and stated that they are working, but plan to show greater progress in the immediate future.

Mr. Benjamin Armstrong and Miss Gloria Carnes, high school senior, reported for Jeff Davis County which is just organized.

Rev. Samuel Wells of Albany, Ga., Field Secretary, for SCLC gave suggestions on raising money. One way is to ask various churches to sponsor each activity. Rev. Mann reported a "Yam Festival" as a means of raising money in Glynn County. Mr. McCoy reported that, although most of the work done in Ware is by volunteers, there have been contributions made by churches.

Assemblage by counties preceded a lunch "break," during which the film: "Knock On Every Door," was shown. Rev. Wells evaluated the film with the assistance of Mr. Calhoun and members of the clinic.

Upon reassembly there was an open discussion on political education, led by Mr. Calhoun. Bread and Meat Objectives discussed were:

1. Better (and more) jobs
2. Education
3. Human rights
4. Religion
5. Money
6. Better Housing
7. Roads
8. Equal opportunities
9. Equal protection of law
10. Sewerage and drainage

Mr. Calhoun also spoke on the Roles of Public Officials, and explained the matter thoroughly. During a separate adult session he also outlined suggestions for public relations, including use of public service time on radio and television; he described some "gag" strips that were prepared by Mr. Elmore Ellis of Radio Station WSB, Atlanta. He will distribute them to the counties. Miss Juanita Daniels explained the Citizenship Training Program of SCLC,

answered many questions and passed out application blanks for Dorchester Center.

The youth held a separate session and elected officers. After these separate sessions the Clinic recessed for dinner, after which the annual meeting was conducted by Chairman P. B. McCoy. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The Nominating Committee made the following report; Chairman and members of the 8th District: Nominating Committee takes this method to make this report on March 21, 1964. District Officials- Mr. P. B. McCoy, Ware County Chapter.

Mr. P. B. McCoy, Ware County Chapter
Mr. Thomas Croom - Coffee County - First Vice Chairman
Rev. J. F. Mann - Glen County Second Vice Chairman
Miss Willie Mae Richardson - Ware County, Secretary
Miss Mammie Smith - Telfair County, First Assistant Secretary
Miss Pearlie Steel - Clinch County 2nd Ass. Secretary
Rev. J. E. Ross - Ware County Chaplain
Miss Lavern Graham - (Youth) Song Leader, Telfair County
Mr. B. I. Shipman - Berrien County, Treasurer

Executive Committee

It was recommended that all District Officials be a part of the Executive Committee, plus the following:

Rev. L. Hicks - Brantley County, First Vice
Route 1, Box 10, Wainsville, Georgia

Aron Watson - 212 Robinson St., Homerville, Ga.

Armstrong - Jeff Davis - Route 2, Hazlehurst, Ga.

All counties did not have represenatives; these were left in the hands of the Executive Committee or the district chairman to contact represenatives for this committee. Rev. J. E. Ross was added to this committee to assist the youth.

Nominating Committee
Rev. J. S. Mann, Chairman
Rev. J. E. Ross
Miss Ronzie Smith - President Youth
Pearlie Steel - Adult
Rev. L. Hicks
Mr. Ben Armstrong
Miss Gloria Garnes, Youth
Hazel Richardson - Secretary

On motion, properly seconded, the report was received and adopted and the officers declared elected.

The Youth Group submitted the following report:

Youth Committee

The meeting was called to order by Miss Willie Mae Richardson. The purpose of the meeting

was to elect officers for the 8th Congressional Districts. Before the meeting Miss Richardson gave some suggetions on how to elect our officers. The officers are as follows:

Chairman, Ronzie Smith
Co-Chairman Lottie Cooper
Secretary, Mary J. Meriweather
Assist Secretary, Gloria Gaines
Treasurer, Muriell M ccdy
Muscians, Orpie Smith
Greta Marable
Song Leader, Lavern Graham
Assist Song Leaders, Maxine Kinlair
Edna M. Stringfield
Hazel Richardson
Sergent-At-Arm, Priscilla Lee
Patricia Holmes
Frances Marable
Ushers, Delois Engram
Annie Mack
Jonie Walker, Mary Edmond,
Eileen Cutler, Bessie Brinson,
Ida Bell Hall

On motion, properly seconded, the report was accepted and the youth officers were declared elected. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

P. B. McCoy, Chairman
Miss Willie Mae Richardson, Secy.
J. H. Calhoun, Chairman
STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
Ga., Director, VOTER REGISTRATION, SCLC

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - S. C. L. C. - BULLETIN NO. 3

PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section Ware County (Waycross, Georgia)

Size of Negro Population 4763

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 1600 Negroes 3000

Potential Negro Registered Voters 4763 Goal 1000

Period of Time -- Target Dates From 2-1-64 to 5-1-64

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
North Side	15	Cross Road	4
Hazzard Hill	10	Milwood Com.	5
Riedsville	8	Glenmore	2
Old Nine	6	New Town	2
Heberdville	2		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 54

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

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Chairman J. N. Adams Address Waycross, Ga.

SUMMARY

I Secured Basic Information
II Set Registration Goals
III Set Target Date for Beginning and for Ending Registration Drive
IV Outline Boundaries of Concentration Areas
V Set Number of Volunteers Needed; Listed Organizations to Support Drive.
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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN

/ ALL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE /

/ STEERING COMMITTEE /

/ Recruiting Com. / Budget-Finance / Car Pool Com. / Tel.-Pub. Com. / Church Comm. /

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - S. C. L. C. - BULLETIN NO. 3

PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section (Homerville) Clinch

Size of Negro Population

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 2632 Negroes 339

Potential Negro Registered Voters 1256 Goal 800

Period of Time -- Target Dates From Feb. 1964 to May 2, 1964

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Dupont	2	8 Mile Still	1
Argyle	2	Dixie Crossing	1
Argo	4	Codgell	3
Counsel	2	Homerville	10
Edith	1	Home Chappell	1

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 27

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Voter League
2 Mason
3 Eastern Star
4 Social Christmas Saving Club
5 " " " "
6 Brown Chappell AME
7 Morning Star Baptist
8 Anglin Baptist
9 Church of God and Christ
10 PTA
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13 Pearl Steel, 102 Wilson St.
14 Aron Waston, Robinson St.
15 Phies Webb, 502 Gaskon St.
16 Orda Bolden, 101 Robinson St.
17 Rev. F. W. Wilson, 1252 Danny (Waycross)
18 Crawford Johnson
19 Wade Mellons, Reddick St.
20 Rev. J. H. Sandess, West Forest Ave.
21 Rev. C. J. Phillips, Reddick St.
22 Allen Cunningham
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Chairman (Mrs) Pearlie Steele Address Homerville, Ga.

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EIGHT U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC - STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - WAYCROSS, GEORGIA - MARCH 21, 1964 - SUGGESTED AGENDA

9:00 AM Registration - Miss Jaunita Daniels

9:30 AM Devotions - Memorial to the late John Wesley Dobbs - Rev. Fred C. Bennette

9:45 AM Introduction of staff - P. B. McCoy, District Chairman, Presiding
Adoption of Agenda
Appointment of Committees

10:00 AM Group Singing -

10:30 AM Reports from Counties - J. H. Calhoun, Chairman, Statewide Registration Committee

Jeff Davis County

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Jeff Davis County Registration Committee
3. Chairman's name and address Ozell Hudson, 109 N. Miller St., Hazelhurst
4. Campaigns - 1963: July to Dec. 1964: 2/1/64 to 5/2/64
5. Total Registration ____ Negro Registration 50 Negro Potential 909
6. Registered - 1963 ____ 1964 ____ No. of Volunteer Workers 25
7. Name of Political Organization Democrat Club
8. Name and address of chairman
9. Significant achievements House to house canvass conducted in 1963. Much interested has been stumilated. Mrs. Abbie Hemmyer, teacher, served as youth advisor and works with them. Mass Barbecue held last year.

11:30 AM Organization Procedure - Explanation, Citizenship Manual - Daniel Harrell

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Evaluation - Rev. Samuel Wells

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Citizenship Education - Rev. Samuel Wells
Youth - "Pep Session," with Cokes and election of officers

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Minutes of the last meeting
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Brantley County

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization None
3. Chairman's name and address
4. Campaigns - 1963: to 1964: to
5. Total Registration 3,765 Negro Registration 300 Negro Potential 384
6. Registered - 1963 1964 No. of Volunteer Workers
7. Name of Political Organization None
8. Name and address of chairman
9. Significant achievements Registration slow; sheriff and courthouse officials help. Nearly all Negroes registered.

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Ware County

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Ware County Registration Committee
3. Chairman's name and address J. M. Adams, 705 State Street
4. Campaigns - 1963: Continous 1964: to
5. Total Registration 300 Negro Registration 3,200 Negro Potential 4,763
6. Registered - 1963 300 1964 10 No. of Volunteer Workers
7. Name of Political Organization Keystone Voters League
8. Name and address of chairman P. B. McCoy
9. Significant achievements Voters List purges but made up. Will start a citizenship school and a questionair on political education. 67 students registered each by a group maintains continous car pool with telephone members and publicity.

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Glynn County

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization NAACP
3. Chairman's name and address Rev. J. C. Hope
4. Campaigns - 1963: _____ to Dec. 1964: Jan. 2 to 3/2/64
5. Total Registration _____ Negro Registration 3,000 Negro Potential 6,768
6. Registered - 1963 700 1964 300 No. of Volunteer Workers 100
7. Name of Political Organization Glynn County Voters and Improvement League
8. Name and address of chairman Rev. J. F. Mann, Pres.
9. Significant achievements Citizenship school established; made friends with sheriff and school superintendent set up training center at the headquarters. Supt. and sheriff met at the registration office. Go to every community one night per month, with chairman for officers for each.

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Clinch County

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Clinch County Voter League
3. Chairman's name and address Mrs. Pearlie Mae Steele
4. Campaigns - 1963: _____ to _____ 1964: Jan. 2 to May 1, 1964
5. Total Registration _____ Negro Registration 339 Negro Potential 947
6. Registered - 1963 30 1964 20 No. of Volunteer Workers 6
7. Name of Political Organization Clinch
8. Name and address of chairman
9. Significant achievements All seniors register. Total population 7000 one third Negroes, hard to get out the vote; have only worked in Homerville; need to work in other sections of the country. Partical report was made by Mr. Ellis Whitaker, principal and Sylvester Glencamp asst. principal.

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PERSONS ATTENDING 8[illegible]J. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT C[illegible]RSHIP CLINIC

WAYCROSS, GA. - MARCH 21, 1964

COUNTY	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE
Fulton	Mr. Daniel Harrell (A)	25 Burbank Ave.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Mr. J. H. Calhoun (A)	243 Auburn Ave., N. E.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Mrs. Juanita D. Harrell (A)	25 Burbank Dr., #3	Atlanta, Ga.
	Rev. Fred C. Bennette (A)	334 Auburn Ave., N. E.	Atlanta, Ga.
Clinch	Mr. Gregary Deal (Y)	707 Daniel St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss Smith (Y)	Route 1, Box 41	Homerville, Ga.
	Mr. J. M. Warren (A)	711 West Forest Ave.	Homerville, Ga.
	Rev. J. T. Man (A)	2027 Lee St.	Brunswick, Ga.
	Miss E. Stringfield (Y)	Route 2, Box 94	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Hazel Richardson (Y)	122 Happyville Lane	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Lottie Cooper (Y)	307 Old Fargo Rd.	Homerville, Ga.
	Mrs. Pealie Steele (A)	102 Wilson St.	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Ida Bell Holmes (Y)	502 Reddick St.	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Bessie Brinson(Y)	503 West Point	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Catherine Bowden (Y)	204 Roberson St.	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Jannie M. Walker (Y)	P. O. Box 177	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Mary J. Mariweather (Y)	Star Route	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Deloie Engram (Y)	316 Brown St	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Mary Edmond (Y)	Route 2	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Maxine Kinlair (Y)	138 West Forest Ave.	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Patricia Holmes (Y)	Route 1, Box 57	Homerville, Ga.
	Mr. L. S. Glengamp (A)	500 Gaskin St.	Homerville, Ga.
	Mr. Ellie Whitaker (A)	Box 185 Reddick St.	Homerville, Ga.
Ware	Mr. Gregory Troutman (Y)	1410 Moody St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Johnnie L. Farmer (Y)	62 Bailey Heights	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Arthur Saydor (Y)	271 Thomas St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Romee Whitehead (Y)	703 Bailey St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Terry Reid (Y)	Lizzie St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Carlton McKlvise (Y)	182 Bailey Heights	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Leroy Coleman (Y)	1019 Abnes St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss Greta Marable (Y)	820 Doris St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mrs. Rosetta Hill (A)	Apt. 95 Bailey Heights	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Bernard A. Benson (A)	972 "I" Street	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss Mary F. Marable (Y)	820 Doris St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. P. B. McCoy (A)	1021 Blackwell St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss Ronzie Smith (Y)	703 Butler St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss W. Richardson (A)	P. O. Box 579	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Harry Harrison (Y)	885 State St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss Rarenze Blackshear (Y)	13 Bailey Heights	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Nathaniel Darren (Y)	Bailey Heights	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. E. E. Moore (A)	917 Teamsers St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Larry Troutman (Y)	410 Moody St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Rev. C. Mimm (A)	815 Doris St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss M. Moody (Y)	1306 Memorial Dr.	Waycross, Ga.
	Rev. J. E. Ross (A)	913 Daniel St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss Annie Bell Mack (Y)	1021 Blackwell St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mrs. A. B. Graham	620 Thomas	Waycross, Ga.
Dougherty	Rev. Mr. S. B. Wells (A)	21 Meritt	Albany, Ga.
Brantley	Mr. Levanil Hicks (A)	Route 1, Box 10	Waynesville, Ga.
Jeff Davis	Mr. Newton Van (A)	Route 2	Hazelhurst, Ga.

PERSONS ATTENDING 8TH U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC

WAYCROSS, GA. - MARCH 21, 1964

COUNTY	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE
Jeff Davis	Miss Gloria Gaines (N)	106 Acker St.	Hazelhurst, Ga.
	Mr. Ben Armstrong (A)	Route 2	Hazelhurst, Ga.
Coffee	Mr. Thomas J. Croom (A)	1301 Leader St.	Douglas, Ga.

ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE

DIST.	COUNTY	ADULTS	YOUTH	TOTAL
VIII	Fulton	4	0	4
	Clinch	5	14	19
	Ware	8	16	24
	Dougherty	1	0	1
	Brantley	1	0	1
	Jeff Davis	2	1	3
	Coffee	1	0	1
TOTALS		22	31	53

COMPLETE TOTAL - 53

1021 Blackwell Street
Waycross, Georgia
April 17, 1964

Mr. J. H. Calhoun
243 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Brother Calhoun:

I have made contacts in the four counties which were added to my District, and found the following:

1. In Dodge County, they have two organizations working in Voter-Registration, namely, the Dodge County Voters League, Mr. Barney Spivey, chairman, Route 6, Box 10, Eastman, Ga. Also the Dodge County Civic League, Mr. Norman Coley, Jr., chairman; Route 6, Box 10, Eastman, Ga.

2. In Blackley County, it is doubtful. However, it is suggested that you ask Rev. Vivian to write Rev. Z. O. Gray, Mount Myriah Street, Eastman, who pastors in Cochran. It might be that he will consent to head the organization, or at least help in some way.

3. It seems to be hopless in Wilcox County, for there is no leadership whatsoever.

4. Organization is in process in Ben Hill County, and as soon as it is completed, will fill you in on details.

I traveled a total of three hundred and sixty miles, and bought three meals @ one dollar ($1.00) each.

Very truly yours,

(Signed: P. B. McCoy)
8TH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Col. Eng.
3/19/64, p. 30

Landrum Gets Opposition In Congress Race

ATLANTA (AP)— State Sen. Zell Miller, 32, of Young Harris announced Tuesday that he will run for Congress in the 9th District opposing incumbent Phil M. Landrum, 54, of Jasper.

Miller resigned as a member of the faculty of Young Harris College before announcing his candidacy for the Democratic nomination in the Sept. 9 primary.

Landrum, co-author of the controversial Landrum - Griffin labor reform law, has been in Congress since January 1963. Opponents have charged without success that he has the backing of big business.

3-26
9th Cong. Dist

March 13, 1964

COUNTIES COMPRISING THE NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Georgia

County	VAP	WVAP	NVAP	%N	REG	W REG	N REG	%W VAP REG	%N VAP REG	UNREG NVAP
Banks	4063	3850	213	05.2	3726	3696	30	91.0	14.1	183
Barrow	9197	7865	1332	14.5	7003	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cherokee	14481	13964	517	03.6	11823	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Dawson	2149	2148	1	0.04	1835	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Elbert	10879	7752	3127	28.7	9721	8787	934	113.3	29.9	2193
Fannin	8142	8111	31	00.4	8685	8667	18	106.8	58.0	13
Forsyth	7332	7328	4	0.05	3500	3500	0	47.8	0.0	4
Franklin	8387	7611	776	09.2	7600	7500	100	98.5	12.8	676
Gilmer	5438	5431	7	0.1	4110	4106	4	75.6	54.1	3
Gwinnett	26140	24299	1841	7.0	21929	20628	1301	84.9	70.7	540
Habersham	11194	10676	518	4.6	7302	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hall	30515	27726	2789	9.1	14583	13772	811	49.8	29.1	1978
Hart	9214	7382	1832	19.9	6259	5978	281	81.0	15.3	1551
Jackson	11537	10228	1309	11.3	7087	6679	408	65.3	31.2	901
Lumpkin	4579	4500	79	1.7	2972	2929	43	65.1	54.4	36
Madison	6951	5962	989	14.2	4643	4588	55	98.8	11.0	934
Pickens	5515	5264	251	04.5	5264	5124	140	97.3	55.8	111
Rabun	4435	4392	43	01.0	5116	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Stephens	11330	9975	1355	11.9	9492	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Towns	2943	2942	1	0.03	3161	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Union	3958	3957	1	0.02	4346	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
White	4216	4047	169	04.0	4550	4310	240	106.5	142.0	29
TOTAL	202595	185410	17185	8.4	154707	100264	4365	64.8	28.0	9152

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March 13, 1964

COUNTIES COMPRISING THE TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Georgia

County	VAP	WVAP	NVAP	%N	REG	W REG	N REG	%W VAP REG	%N VAP REG	UNREG NVAP
Baldwin	25344	16109	9235	36.4	6830	5353	1477	33.2	16.0	7758
Clarke	30635	23895	6740	22.0	10799	8981	1818	37.6	29.0	4922
Columbia	7460	5096	2364	31.7	3763	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Glascock	1632	1281	351	21.5	1284	1283	1	100.1	0.3	350
Greene	6563	3565	2998	45.7	4203	2665	1538	74.7	51.3	1460
Hancock	5303	1727	3576	67.4	2262	1409	853	81.6	23.8	2723
Jasper	3630	1925	1705	47.0	2697	2044	653	106.2	38.3	1052
Jefferson	9717	4937	4780	49.2	4333	4050	283	82.0	5.9	4497
Lincoln	3310	1974	1336	40.4	2440	2432	8	99.6	0.3	1328
McDuffie	7365	4625	2740	37.2	4381	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Morgan	5884	3415	2469	42.0	3697	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Newton	12812	9045	3767	29.4	7275	6174	1101	68.2	29.2	2666
Oconee	3909	3228	681	17.4	2317	2228	89	69.0	13.1	592
Oglethorpe	4673	2964	1709	36.6	3022	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Putnam	4501	2297	2204	45.3	2866	2303	563	100.2	25.5	1641
Richmond	86100	61315	24785	28.8	32844	26097	6747	42.6	27.2	18038
Taliaferro	1990	917	1073	53.9	1694	879	815	95.8	75.9	258
Walton	12468	9392	3076	24.7	6839	6381	458	67.9	14.9	2618
Warren	4135	1911	2224	53.8	1828	1640	188	85.8	8.4	2036
Washington	10824	5373	5451	50.4	8131	6347	1784	118.1	32.7	3667
Wilkes	6722	3621	3101	46.1	4022	3529	493	97.4	15.9	2608
TOTAL	254,977	168,612	86,365	33.8	117,527	83,795	18,869	71.2	16.0	58214

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PERSONS ATTENDING 10TH U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC

GREENSBORO, GA. - MARCH 14, 1964

COUNTY	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE
Oglethorpe	Mr. Hogan Smith (A)	Route 1, Box 57	Carlton, Ga.
	Mr. A. Jackson (A)	R. F. D. 14	Maxoys, Ga.
Richmond	Rev. J. S. Davis (A)	1112 Kent St.	Augusta, Ga.
	Mrs. Eula Nills (A)	1024 Nellisvill	Augusta, Ga.
	Mr. Perry Mearks (Y)	27 Boykin	Augusta, Ga.
	Mr. Jerry Skinner (Y)	2223 Grand Bellow	Augusta, Ga.
	Mr. Jonnie Kennedy (A)	1310 Holly St.	Augusta, Ga.
	Mr. Topsp Eubanks (A)	1321 Holly St.	Augusta, Ga.
Jasper	Mrs. Cosdema Vinben (A)	37 South Warren St.	Monticello, Ga.
	Mr. Willie Martin (Y)	Route 1, Newman	Newman, Ga.
	Mr. Phyllis Carter (Y)	11 Plum St.	Monticello, Ga.
	Mrs. Mildred Carter (A)	Route 2, Box 89	Machen, Ga.
	Mr. Howard Pennamon (Y)	14 Mason St.	Monticello, Ga.
	Mrs. Susie Thorman (A)	3 Plump St.	Monticello, Ga.
	Mrs. Mable Smith (A)	P. O. Box 294	Shady Dale, Ga.
	Miss Jacqualyn Johnson (Y)	19 Benton St.	Monticello, Ga.
	Rev. L. R. Harris (A)	Post Office	Madison, Ga.
Morgan	Mrs. Simpson Clark (A)	P. O. Box 490	Madison, Ga.
	Mr. G. C. Williams (A)	P. O. Box 371	Madison, Ga.
	Mrs. Olivia Williams (A)	P. O. Box 371	Madison, Ga.
	Miss Patricia Williams (Y)	P. O. Box 371	Madison, Ga.
	Miss Velma Thornon (Y)	P. O. Box	Buckhead, Ga.
	Miss Patrica Ann Butler (Y)	Route 1, Box 82	Buckhead, Ga.
	Mr. Thelma Thurn (Y)	P. O. Box	Buckhead, Ga.
	Miss Mary Rivers (Y)	Route 2, Madison,	Madison, Ga.
	Mr. Vivan Winder (Y)	117 Pearl St.	Madison, Ga.
	Miss Eula Winder (Y)	Route 2, Box 58	Madison, Ga.
	Mr. Smonk Jacobes (A)	115 South First St.	Madison, Ga.
	Mr. Alfred Murray (Y)	Route 2	Madison, Ga.
	Mrs. Sark B. Wtllsvelle (A)	Route 3, Box 155	Madison, Ga.
	Miss Ola Lee Monday (Y)	Route 2	Madison, Ga.
	Miss Betty Reid (A)	915 South First St.	Madison, Ga.
	Mrs. Catherina Jordan (A)	General Delivery	Madison, Ga.
Clarke	Mr. E. L. Gardner (A)	1495 East Broad St.	Athens, Ga.
	Mr. Erin Gardner (Y)	1459 East Broad St.	Athens, Ga.
	Mr. Stella Gardner (Y)	1459 East Broad St.	Athens, Ga.
Fulton	Mr. J. H. Calhoun (A)	243 Auburn Ave., N. E.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Rev. Fred Bennette (A)	334 Auburn Ave., N. E.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss Juanita Daniels(A)	25 Burbank Dr.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Mrs. Barbara Whitaker(A)	5 Forsyth St.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Mr. Daniel Hannell (A)	25 Burbank Dr.	Atlanta, Ga.

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COUNTY	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE
Greene	Mrs. Sadee Trulley (A)	R. F. D. 1, Box 234A	White Plains, Ga.
	Mrs. G. Gernigan (A)	16 South Warren St.	Greensboro, Ga.
	Mrs. A. Mapp (A)	P. O. Box	Siloan, Ga.
	Mr. Bess (A)	P. O. Box 82	Greensboro, Ga.
	Mrs. Tnell M. Geter (A)	Box 212	White Plains, Ga.
	Mr. John Borwn (A)	Route 2, Box 148	Union Point, Ga.
	Mrs. Rosie Skrine (A)	Route 2	Greensboro, Ga.
	Mr. Gresham Geter (A)	General Delivery	Union Point, Ga.
	Miss W. M. Alexander (A)	General Delivery	White Plains, Ga.
	Mrs. Essie Boone (A)	R. F. D. 1, Box 254	White Plains, Ga.
	Mr. J. C. Jackson (A)	P. O. Box 213	Greensboro, Ga.
	Mrs. Annie C. Lucke (A)	General Delivery	Siloan, Ga.
	Mrs. Margrett Mapp (A)	Siloan Ga., Post Office	Siloan, Ga.
	Miss Gwendolyn Sneed (Y)	Route 1, Box 248	White Plains, Ga.
	Mr. James Alexander (A)	Route 1, Box 245	White Plains, Ga.
	Mrs. Terrel (A)	Route 1, Box 16	Greensboro, Ga.
	Mrs. L. B. Catehing (A)	P. O. Box 122	Greensboro, Ga.
	Miss Mary Battle (A)	Route 2, Box 148	Union Point, Ga.
Wilkes	Miss Earlene D. Williams (Y)	413 Skullshoal Road	Washington, Ga.
	Miss Annie L. Hollard (Y)	Route 1, Box 630	Washington, Ga.
	Mr. Raymond Fanning (Y)	Route 1, Box 28 Lexington Avenue	Washington, Ga.
	Mr. Ozzie Willis (Y)	Route 1, Box 53	Washington, Ga.
	Mr. Boddy Huff (A)	P. O. Box 141	Tignall, Ga.
	Mr. M. H. Brittian (A)	210 Peachtree St.	Washington, Ga.
Wasington			
	Mr. W. B. Stewart (A)	Hillcrest	Sandersville, Ga.
	Mr. Arthur Lee Adams (Y)	212 Newman St.	Sandersville, Ga.
	Mr. Timothy Roberson (Y)	Box 200	Sandersville, Ga.
	Mr. James Emory Alexander (Y)	Route 2, Box 224	Sandersville, Ga.
	Mr. Walker L. Aeaves (Y)	Route 2, Box 206	Sandersville, Ga.
Taliaferro			
	Mr. C. G. Turrner (A)	Route 2, Box 83	Union Point, Ga.
	Mr. Lonaine Howard (A)	Route 2, Box 84	Union Point, Ga.
	Mr. Clifford Cooper (Y)	General Delivery	Crawfordville, Ga.
	Mr. Johnny Peek (Y)	P. O. Box 288	Crawfordville, Ga.
	Mr. Marion Usher (Y)	Route 2, Box 125	Crawfordville, Ga.
	Miss Elizbeth Perry (Y)	P. O. Box	Crawfordville, Ga.
	Miss Delore Usher (Y)	Route 2, Box 125	Crawfordville, Ga.
	Mr. Robert H. Turner (Y)	Route 2, Box 81	Union Point, Ga.
	Mr. O. Richardson (Y)	Route 2, Box 78	Union Point, Ga.
	Miss Susie Turner (Y)	Route 2, Box 89	Union Point, Ga.
	Mr. Floyd Bowman (Y)	Route 2, Box 83	Union Point, Ga.
	Miss Annie Bowman (Y)	Route 2, Box 84	Union Point, Ga.

ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE

DIST.	COUNTY	ADULTS	YOUTH	TOTAL
X	Oglethorpe	2	None	2
	Richmond	4	2	6
	Jasper	5	4	9
	Morgan	7	9	16
	Clarke	1	2	3
	Fulton	5	None	5
Totals		22	17	41

J. H. Calhoun, Chairman
STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
Ga. Director Voter-Registration, S. C. L. C.

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9TH AND 10TH U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC - STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - GREENSBORO GEORGIA - MARCH 14, 1964 - SUGGESTED AGENDA

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Clarke County

1. Identification of delegations from counties Athens Branch, NAACP
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Clarke County Voters League
3. Chairman's name and address _____
4. Campaigns - 1963 _____ to _____ 1964 2,700 to _____
5. Total Registration _____ Negro Registration 2,700 Negro Potential ____
6. Registered - 1963 600 1964 _____ No. of Volunteer Workers _____
7. Name of Political Organization _____
8. Name and address of chairman _____
9. Significant achievements Demonstrations against Varsity, which had promised to integrate. Election if county officials Wed. Supporting sheriff who has been accusedate of demonistrators. Organizing Human Relations Council.

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Mrs. L. B. Cothings, M. H. Brittain, Gresham Geter

Greene County
Greene - Geter
Wilkes - Brittain
Wabhing-Mapp
Richmond-Harrell
-
Morgan - Bennette
Jasper - Cotching
Talia.-Daniels
Clarke
Oglethorpe

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Greene County Voters League
3. Chairman's name and address
4. Campaigns - 1963 _____ to Continues 1964 _____ to _____
5. Total Registration 5,000 Negro Registration 2,300 Negro Potential 2,998
6. Registered - 1963 800-900 1964 300 No. of Volunteer Workers _____
7. Name of Political Organization Greene County Voters League
8. Name and address of chairman G. M. Geter
9. Significant achievements Plan to register 300 more this year, Sheriff help on account of election; year. School Board issue failed because of this forces: Union Point aid Greensboro - Union Point did not wish to consulate.

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Jasper County

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Jasper County Voters League
3. Chairman's name and address Rev. Harris and Rev. Cater
4. Campaigns - 1963 Apr. 1 to Apr. 30 1964 _____ to _____
5. Total Registration _____ Negro Registration _____ Negro Potential ____
6. Registered - 1963 [redacted] 1964 _____ No. of Volunteer Workers _____
7. Name of Political Organization Jasper County Voters League
8. Name and address of chairman Dr. F. D. Ferndereeg, P. O. Box Monticello
9. Significant achievements Miss Phyllis Carter attended Clinic in Dublin, was asked by her principal to speak to several classes. Sheriff Frank Ball relected with Negro votes. Report made by Mrs. Van Buren

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3. Chairman's name and address Rev. Harris and Rev. Carter
4. Campaigns - 1963 Apr. 1, to Apr. 30, 1964 _____ to _____
5. Total Registration _____ Negro Registration _____ Negro Potential ____
6. Registered - 1963 Apr. 200 1964 _____ No. of Volunteer Workers _____
7. Name of Political Organization Jasper County Voters League
8. Name and address of chairman Dr. F. D. Ferndeadear P. O. Box Monticello
9. Significant achievements Frank Eisel Sheriff encourages Negroes vote. Also the registrator

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Morgan County 1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Morgan County Civic League
3. Chairman's name and address G. C. Williams
4. Campaigns - 1963 Continues 1964 to
5. Total Registration Negro Registration 2,500 Negro Potential
6. Registered - 1963 1964 1,000 No. of Volunteer Workers
7. Name of Political Organization Morgan County Civic League
8. Name and address of chairman G. C. Williams
9. Significant achievements Jr. Voters League presented a written report. New Gym for High School - League works not only for registration but for whatever is needed. In county elections week, 2 poll watchers for the first time. Now every candidate. All officials attended mass meeting to discuss Polls integrated. Candidates urged people to register. Has a headquarter, telephone committee and voter poll.

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Oglethorpe County

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Oglethorpe County Voter League
3. Chairman's name and address A. D. Jackson, P. O. Box 104, Maxeys
4. Campaigns - 1963 _____ to _____ 1964 _____ to _____
5. Total Registration 3,099 Negro Registration 960 Negro Potential 1500
6. Registered - 1963 _____ 1964 77 No. of Volunteer Workers _____
7. Name of Political Organization _____
8. Name and address of chairman _____
9. Significant achievements Parents asm. organized. No problem in registering, people lethargic. No cooperation from teachers

11:30 AM Organization Procedure - Explanation, Citizenship Manual - Daniel Harrell

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Taliaferro County

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Taliaferro County Voters League
3. Chairman's name and address G. G. Turner, Rt. 2, Box 83, Union Point
4. Campaigns - 1963 Continuous 1964 to
5. Total Registration 1862 Negro Registration 845 Negro Potential
6. Registered - 1963 1964 No. of Volunteer Workers
7. Name of Political Organization
8. Name and address of chairman
9. Significant achievements NAACP organized. Candidates never get elected without Negroes, candidates help to get peoples

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Richmond County

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Citizens Voters League Council of Women Voters
3. Chairman's name and address
4. Campaigns - 1963 _____ to 3/4 1964 _____ to _____
5. Total Registration _____ Negro Registration _____ Negro Potential ____
6. Registered - 1963 _____ 1964 _____ No. of Volunteer Workers _____
7. Name of Political Organization
8. Name and address of chairman
9. Significant achievements Council registered 30. League began in Feb. Started Citizenship School by Mrs. Eubanks. Have a voting machine at headquarters.

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Washington County

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization None
3. Chairman's name and address
4. Campaigns - 1963 to 1964 to
5. Total Registration 12,000 Negro Registration 15,00 Negro Potential
6. Registered - 1963 15 1964 No. of Volunteer Workers
7. Name of Political Organization Washington County Voters League (Inactive)
8. Name and address of chairman M. G. Smith, Chr.
9. Significant achievements Plan to organize Young Peoples Citizens Group. Almost 1-man campaign at present and he has challenged all levels.

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Wilkes County

1. Identification of delegations from counties
2. Name of Voter-Registration Organization Wilkes County Registration Committee
3. Chairman's name and address M. H. Brittain, 210 Peachtree St.
4. Campaigns - 1963 May to June 1964 _____ to _____
5. Total Registration _____ Negro Registration 600 Negro Potential ____
6. Registered - 1963 26 1964 110 No. of Volunteer Workers _____
7. Name of Political Organization Wilkes County Voters League
8. Name and address of chairman T. A. Mclendon
9. Significant achievements High School students registered; 300 in all in 1962; slowed down by officials in 1963. Registrars turned down some in 1962, then sent cards out registering them after FBI came in. In Pleated bands for 2 gymnasiums, ready to build.

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PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section Richmond - Augusta, Ga.

Size of Negro Population

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) _____ Negroes 6,447

Potential Negro Registered Voters 24,785 Goal 5,000

Period of Time -- Target Dates From Feb. 19, 1964 to May 2, 1964

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Ward I	3	Ward VI	2
" II	3	" VII	4
" III	6	" VIII	4
" IV	6		
" V	2		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 41 (142)

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Fazy Mason - M. A. Jones
2 1341 Wrighbourgh Rd.
3 Prince Hall Mason H. G. Brown
4 Branch St.
5 Prince Hall Mason - Sammy Knox
6 Rt. 2
7 Elks
8 15th Street
9 American Legion
10 15th Street
11 VFW
12 15th Street
13 Boy Scot To. 24 - Mill Sapp
14 Ferry Ave.
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18 Green Grove MBC J. H. Wynfrod
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20 2nd Rt. Masse - W. H. Snow
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Chairman Daniel Hanell, Jr. Address 25 Burbank

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STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - S. C. L. C. - BULLETIN NO. 3

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Site - County, City or Section Washington County (Sandersville, Ga.)

Size of Negro Population 10,000

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 1600 Negroes 650

Potential Negro Registered Voters 500 Goal 100

Period of Time -- Target Dates From June 1 to May 1

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Fairground	8	Tenn Towns	4
Brownsville	8	Davisboro	4
Tubas	8	Harrision	2
Sandybottom	2	Deeps tep	2
Frog town	1	Warthen	2

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 37

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 T. J. Elder High PTA
2 " " Elementary PTA
3 D. D. Crawford Elementary
4 Davisboro Academy
5 Boy Scout
6 Washington County Voters League
7 American Legion 541
8 Prince Hall
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13 Mrs. Sallie R. Daniel, Sandersville, Ga.
14 Mrs. Mary J. Hooks Wiggs St. Sandersville, Ga.
15 Tennell, Ga.
16 Davisboro, Ga.
17 James Freeman, Sandersville, Ga.
18 M. C. Smith, Sandersville, Ga.
19 M. T. Rice " "
20 Russell Galar " "
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Chairman Rev. W. B. Steward Address Sandersville, Ga.

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PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section Taliaferro County (Crawfordville)

Size of Negro Population 1,800

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 1,862 Negroes 850

Potential Negro Registered Voters 1,073 Goal 200

Period of Time -- Target Dates From 3/14/64 to 5/2/64

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Crawfordville	5	Robinson	1
Sharon	2	Sandy Cross	3
Raytown	2	Carters Grove	2
Springfiled	2		
New Battery	3		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 20

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Taliaferro County Voters League
2 NAACP Taliaferro County Branch
3 Prince Hall Masons Joe M. Turner
4 NAACP Youth Council
5 PTA
6 Choir #2, Springfield Bapt. Church
7 " " Friendship " "
8 All Churches
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13 C. G. Turner, Rt. 2, Box 83 Union Point
14 Joseph Turner, Rt. 2, 82 Union Point
15 Joe M. Turner Rt. 2 Box 83 Union Point
16 Miss Alene Usher, Rt. 2, Box 125 Union Point
17 Joe M. Turner
18 Miss Lorlanine Howard, Rt. 2, Union Point
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Chairman C. G. Turner Address Rt. 2, Box 83, Union Point

GL 6-3016 - Mrs. Mary Allen

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Site - County, City or Section _____

Size of Negro Population _____

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) _____ Negroes _____

Potential Negro Registered Voters _____ Goal _____

Period of Time -- Target Dates From _____ to _____

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
123 rd District I	4		
123 rd " II	4		
119 th "	2		
1269th "	1		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas _____

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

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(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section Oglethorpe County (Lexington)

Size of Negro Population

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 1,800 Negroes 360

Potential Negro Registered Voters 1,709 Goal 200

Period of Time -- Target Dates From 3/14/64 to 5/2/64

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Lexington	10		
Glade	10		
Point Peter	10		
Arnolville	10		
Bowling Green	10		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 50

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Voters League
2 Parent Council PTA
3 All Churches
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Chairman A. W. Jackson Address Waxmy, Ga. Phone used 489-4546

Hogan Smith Carlton, Ga., Rt. 1

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ALL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE

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Site - County, City or Section _____

Size of Negro Population _____

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) _____ Negroes _____

Potential Negro Registered Voters _____ Goal _____

Period of Time -- Target Dates From _____ to _____

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Dist. 123	4		
1 19 Dist	2		
No. 2 123 "	4		
12 60 9th "	1		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas _____

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

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PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section Monticello, Jasper County

Size of Negro Population Get from Mrs. B. Whitaker

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) _____ Negroes _____

Potential Negro Registered Voters 653 Goal 100

Period of Time -- Target Dates From April to May

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Shady Dale	8		
Monticello	15		
Farrar	5		
Hillshore	2		

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 10

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Voters League
2 St. James AME
3 Mt. Zion
4 Greenwood
5 Shady Grove
6 Grim
7 St. Johns CME
8 Springfiled
9 Mid-Way CME
10 Jvniors Missinory
11 American Auxiliary
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13 Dr. Funderburg
14 Mrs. Van Buren
15 Rev. G. E. Alexander
16 Mrs. M. Carter
17 Mrs. T. Crawford
18 Mrs. T. Grant
19 Mrs. Marie Tinsley
20 Mrs. B. Smith
21 Mr. Haddock
22 Mrs. Susie Thurman
23 Mrs. Bertha Johnson
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Chairman Mrs. C. Van Buren Address 37 South Warner St.

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PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section Clarke

Size of Negro Population 10799 2500

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 24,500 Negroes 2500

Potential Negro Registered Voters 2240 Goal 2000

Period of Time -- Target Dates From March 10 to May 2, 1964

Clarke County

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
Winter Villa, Ga.	3	New Town 4th Wnd	3
Oconee Heights	3	Morris Town 5 Wd	3
Timonthy Rd.	3	East Athens 1 Wd	10
Jackson Town 3rd	5	3rd Ward	10
Allen Ville 2nd	2	Bogard Section	1

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas 43

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Clarke County League
2 Dairyman League
3 Mens' Civic Club
4 NAACP
5 All Social Club
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Chairman Mr. Henry Dollard Address 1496 East Broad St.

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PLANNING A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
(For Campaign Steering Committee or First Meeting of "A Few Interested Persons")

Site - County, City or Section Morgan County, Madison, Georgia

Size of Negro Population 2,469 NVAP

Number of Registered Voters (Approximate) 5,887 Negroes 2500

Potential Negro Registered Voters 2,900 NAC Goal 400

Period of Time -- Target Dates From March 15, to May 2, 1964

Boundaries-Concentration Areas	Workers		Workers
(Canan) City District	5	Mann Dist.	1
East End	2	Askaw, Harris	1
Horsebranch	2	Sheppard, Durden	2
Cookhill, Burkehill	1	Hello	1
Peasville Martin Dist.	2		17 Total

Total Number of Volunteer Workers Needed to Cover all Concentration Areas _____

Organizations to Participate: (Churches, Voters Leagues, Youth Groups, etc.)

1 Morgan County Girls League
2 Springfield Bapt.
3 St. Paul AME
4 New Bethal Bapt.
5 Sanna Bapt. Church
6 Buckhead Star (Masonic)
7 Madison Son "
8 Star Amaranth OES Chapl
9 Mt. Zion
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Chairman G. C. Williams Address P. O. Box 371, Madison, Ga.

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VI Set up Basic Committees (As outlined in Organizational Chart - Example:)

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN

/ ALL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE /
/ STEERING COMMITTEE /
/Recruiting Com. / Budget-Finance / Car Pool Com. / Tel.-Pub. Com. / Church Comm. /

MINUTES OF THE 9TH AND 10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP CLINIC, GREENSBORO, GA., MARCH 14, 1964

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The meeting was opened with devotions, including Memorial Service for the late Grand Master John Wesley Dobbs, led by Mr. G. M. Geter. A motion was made that the agenda be adopted; it was passed. Two committees were appointed: a nominating committee and a resolutions committee with two represenatives from each county, one adult and one youth for each of these committees, where ever possible, as follows:

County	Nominating Committee	Resolutions Committee	County
Green	J. C. Jackson Gwendolyn Sneed (Y)	E. L. Garden Stella Garden	Clark
Morgan	Miss Catherene Jordon Patricia Williams (Y)	Rev. W. B. Stewart Timothy W. Roberson	Washington
Taliaferro	Mr. James Daniel Clifford Cooper (Y)	Mrs. Earline Williams Mr. Raymond Fanny	Wilkes
Jasper	Rev. L. R. Harris Phylis Carter (Y)	Mr. F. L. Hudson Mrs. Margert Matthew	Green
Clark		Mr. G. C. Williams, Jr. Alfred Murray (Y)	Morgan
Washington		Mrs. Lorraine Bowman Howard	
Richmond		Floyd Bowman (Y)	Taliaferro
Wilkes	Bobbie Huff Mr. H. Britton	Mrs. Mildred Carter Willie Martin (Y)	Jasper
Oglethorpe			Richmond

Introduction of staff was made and then group singing was led by Mrs. Rosa Screens, after which there were reports from counties led by Mr. J. H. Calhoun, Chairman of Statewide Registration Committee, assisted by Mrs. Mapp, Mrs. Annie C. Lucky, Mrs. L. B. Archer, Mr. G. M. Geter and Mr. Eljah J. Jackson. Counties represented were: Jasper, Greene, Washington, Richmond, Morgan, Wilkes, Clarke, Taliaferro, and Oglethorpe.

Morgan County made a very remarkable report on voter-registration; they have cooperation from both students and the P. T. A. it was also stated that the registration books are integrated. They have four poll watchers for elections; two of these are Negroes. A youth report was rendered as follows: Election of county officials was held recently an over whelming number of Negro registered voters voted. We had approximately 20 seniors

from a class of about 58 registered and active voters.

Our president of the youth voter league, Thelma Thurmond, President of the Student Counsil at Pearl High School, Alfred Murray, Mary Rivers and Eula Mae Winder delivered speeches on the Negro Problems, Thursday to members of Pearl High School and faculty members.

All members of the senior class on March 6, 1964 took an employment test to find out in what fields of work they were best suited. We also attended a meeting of the Morgan County Civic League to promote better Job Opportunities for the Negroes.

Officers of the Youth Voters League are:		Leaders Are:
President:	Thelma Thurmond	Mr. George C. Williams
Vice President:	Patricia Williams	Mrs. Olivia Williams
Asst. Secretary:	Velma Thurmond	Miss Betty Reid
Secretary:	Ola Monday	Miss Catherine Jordan
Treasure:	Patricia Butler	Mr. Jacob Sparts
Reporter:	Eula Mae Winder	Mrs. Sarah Bell Lovey

Other Members Are:

1. Alfred Murray
2. Mary Rivers
3. Vivian Winder

Taliaferro County reported that the last time the books were checked, Negroes were only trailing the whites about 100 in number of registered voters. Since then more have been added to the books; it now believed that the Negroes out number whites in registration. There was a discussion of the need for citizenship training and there were two application for the Dorchester Training Center: Copies of reports are attached. A telegram was read which came from the Congressman of the tenth district: Robert G. Stephens, congratulating the Tenth District on their interest in the government.

A film was shown in the interest of voter-registration and to stress the importance of block canvassing; title "Knock on Every Door," after which the film was discussed by every one for evaluation.

Explanation of the Citizenship Manual was made by Rev. Daniel Herrell. Mr. G. C. Williams discussed Bread and Meat issues for voter-registration. Roles of public officials was discussed by Mr. J. H. Calhoun.

A report on Bond issues and improvements in Greene County, Georgia was made by Mr. Elijah Jackson, with supporting charts. The session adjourned for dinner.

During the dinner period the annual meeting was held. The nonaminating committee recommended the following district officers:

Chairman: G. M. Geter, Greene County
Vice Chairman: Rev. L. R. Harris, Jasper County
Secretary: Miss Gwendolyn Sneed
Treasurer: M. H. Britton, Wilkes County
Asst. Secretary: Mrs. Topsy Eubanks, Richmond County

On motion, properly seconded the recommendations of the committee were adopted and the officers declared elected. There was also a motion, duly seconded, that all members of the nominating committee serve as an executive committee of the district. The motion passed unanimously.

The Resolutions Committee submitted a report including the following, which was adopted:

We, as your committee on resolution begs to make this report:

1. May we first resolve that the entire 10th District go all out to get people to vote.

2. We also resolve that the 10th District go all out to help organize all unorganized counties.

3. Be it futher resolved that the 10th Congressional District will furnish bumper stickers for the cars with the inscription: "I am a registered voter-Are you?

4. We resolve that the 10th Congressional District held an annual meeting each year in March.

5. May it also be resolved that a notice be sent 30 days prior of the date set.

6. May we also resolve that the assembly present will give a rising vote of thanks to the Spring Field Baptist Church.

Mildred Carter, Secretary - Jasper County
Bro. G. C. Williams, Chairman, Morgan County

There being no futher business, the meeting was adjourned.

G. M. Geter, Chairman
(Mrs.) Juanita Daniels, Acting Secretary

J. H. Calhoun, Chairman
Statewide Registration Committee
Ga. Director, Voter Registration, SCLC

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SCLC

Report of 10th District Chairman

Gresham Geter

May, 1964

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STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Oglethorpe COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes _____ No X

   a. If so, under what name? _____

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
NONE	

2. Address of Registration Headquarters _____ City _____

   a. Other Headquarters if any _____ _____

   b. Number of office workers _____ Voluntary _____ Paid _____

   c. Number of Canvassers _____ Voluntary _____ Paid _____

   d. Name of director NONE Address _____

3. Dates of Campaigns - From _____ 1963 to _____ 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? _____

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering _____ Canvassing _____

   Telephone _____ Transportation or Car Pool _____ Baby Sitting _____

   Publicity _____ Other _____

5. Estimated county population 9,500 Negroes 4,000 Total Registration 3,022

6. Estimated Negro Registration 287 Registered in 1963 100 1964 87

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   Organization for Citizenship Training began

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

   1st Countywide Meeting held April 13, 1964

1964 Campaign Dates 4-3-64 to May 2, 1964 No. Registered 87

Signed Alphonse Jackson Address P. O. Box 104 City Maxeys, Ga.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Greene COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Greene County Voter Registration League

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
Greene County Civic Club	James Alexander
Greene County Voters League	Gresham Geter
Greensboro Voters League	J. C. Jackson

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Springfield B. C. City Greensboro

   a. Other Headquarters if any 2nd Baptist Church White Plains

   b. Number of office workers ____ Voluntary ____ Paid ____

   c. Number of Canvassers 18 Voluntary 12 Paid 6

   d. Name of director Gresham Geter Address Union Point, Ga.

3. Dates of Campaigns - From 2-18-64 1963 to May 2 1964

4. How was the campaign carried out? County Meeting, Community Meetings, City Meetings - Church Meetings

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 5 Canvassing 18

   Telephone 12 Transportation or Car Pool 12 Baby Sitting 8

   Publicity 2 Other Speakers - County Officials

5. Estimated county population 11,100 Negroes 6,000 Total Registration 4,203

6. Estimated Negro Registration 2,500 Registered in 1963 400 1964 600

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

Eli J. Jackson	36	Mrs. Willie M. Alexander	30
Gresham Geter	44	Mrs. Essie Boone	42

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

Rescheduling school bus routes, Greensboro City Election and Reappointment of High School Principal.

1964 Campaign Dates 1-25-64 to May 2, 1964 No. Registered 600

Signed Gresham Geter Address Union Point City Ga.

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

PERSONS ATTENDING GREENE COUNTY MEETING AT GREENSBORO, GA. DATE 4/30/64

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
F. G. Williams	Union Point, Ga.	
W. M. Woodruff	White Plains, Ga.	
Rev. J. C. Ashley	Route 3, Box 237	Gumman
J. C. Jackson	Greensboro	"
Jack Jordan	Crawfordville, Ga.	
Lillie R. Howell	White Plains, Ga.	467-3723
Rosa Ashley	Siloam, Ga.	
Lelia Kilpatrick	White Plains, Ga.	
Eva Humphrey	Siloam, Ga.	489-2217
Mary S. Moore	White Plains, Ga.	
Lizzie Napp	White Plains, Ga.	467-3683
James Henry Wright	White Plains, Ga.	R route 1, Box 104
Ella Mae Champion	White Plains, Ga.	467-3785
G. R. Green		
H. Ross	Greensboro, Ga.	453-7683
R. Strine	Greensboro, Ga.	453-7683

Voter Education Clinic conducted by J. Heathcom, State Chairman

PERSONS ATTENDING GREENE COUNTY MEETING AT SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO, GA. DATE 4/30/64

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
H. G. Griffin	White Plains, Ga.	
Sneed Thomas	White Plains, Ga.	
Ruter Thornton	White Plains, Ga.	
L. R. Gatchings	Canaan Community	453-7216
E. M. Boone	White Plains Community	467-3192
Myrle L. Jarrell	White Plains Community	Route 1
Jessie Sneed	White Plains, Ga.	1lth District Community
M. B. Terrell	Greensboro, Ga.	453-7074
Gertrude Jackson	Greensboro, Ga.	453-7033, P. O. Box 123
Gwendolyn Sneed	Route 1, Box 248	White Plains, Ga.
Barbara A. McCall	Route 3, Box 255 Canaan Com.	453-7160
Mary S. Carbarough	Canaan Community	453-7160
James W. Davis	White Plains, Ga.	
Elizabeth Dunn	White Plains, Ga.	
Leola Lewis	White Plains, Ga.	
Virginia Dunn	White Plains, Ga.	

PERSONS ATTENDING GREENE COUNTY MEETING AT SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO, GA. DATE 4/30/64

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Eugene Champion	Union Point, Ga.	
Charlie Blain	Greensboro, Ga.	
Joseph Pastore	Greensboro, Ga.	
Eddie Hurt	Penfield, Ga.	
Willie Hunter	Common	
John Brown	108 Hunter St., Union Point, Ga.	489-2361
Miles Ellis	Greensboro, Ga.	Madison R. D.
Felton L. Hudson	Box 261 - Greensboro, Ga.	Common
Leola Dunn	Route 1, Box 126, White Plains, Ga.	White Plains, Ga.
Lwelndia Wright	Route 3, Box 94, Greensboro, Ga.	Siloam, Ga.

PERSONS ATTENDING MEETING IN CRAWFORDVILLE, GA., APRIL 28, 1964 AND
APPROXIMATELY 200 PARTICIPATION IN CHAIN PROGRAM - APRIL [redacted] - MAY 2, 1964

Voter Education Clinic Conducted by J. H. Shaw, Chairman

COUNTY	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY
Taliaferro	Henry Kendrick	Post Office Box	Crawfordville
	Bobby Terrell	Rt. 2, Box 86	"
	Fred Bates	Rt. 1, Box 160	"
	Delnice Usherry	Rt. 2, Box 125	"
	Mrs. Dorothy Jean Wiggin	Rt. 2, Box 6	"
	Lizzie B. Askew	Rt. 2, Box 5	"
	Mrs. Martha Turner	Rt. 2, Box 81	Union Point
	Joseph Turner	Rt. 1	"
	Melvin Johnson	RFD 1, Box 104	Crawfordville
	Mrs. Mary Allen	P. O. Box 302	"
	Brad King	R.F. D. 2, Box 144	"
	Dwellie Evans	Rt. 2, Box 100	"
	Evans H. Harris	P. O. Box 188	"
	Casper Evans	Rt. 2, Box 85	Union Point
	C. W. Williams	P. O. Box 129	Crawfordville
	Joe H. Turner	Rt. 2, Box 82	Union Point
	Willie James Moore	P. O. Box	Crawfordville
	George Hughes	Rt. 2, Box 139	"
	Mrs. Annie G. Evans	Rt. 2, Box 86	Union Point
	Febbie Turner	Rt. 2, Box 82	"
	Origa Richardson	Rt. 2, Box 78	"
	Allene Usherry	Rt. 2, Box 125	Crawfordville
	Curtis Manago	Rt. 2, Box 218	"
	William J. Terrell	Rt. 2, Box 86	"
	George W. Turner	Rt. 2, Box 81	"
	Frank Bates	Rt. 1, Box 160	"
	Eddie L. Andrews	Rt. 2, Box 99	"
	B. J. Graham	Rt. 2, Box 136	"
	Mrs. Lelia Turner	Rt. 2, Box 81	Union Point
	W. J. Hughes	P. O. Box 173	Crawfordville
	Henry Chapman	Rt. 2, Box 78	Union Point
	Ophelia Bowman	Rt. 2, Box 85	"
	Gliffard Casper	P. O. Box	Crawfordville
	Mrs. Viola G. Brady	P. O. Box 325	"
	John W. Terrell	Box 85	"
	John W. Evans	Rt. 2, Box 201	"
	Lewis Evans	Rt. 2, Box 201	"
	Betty Joan Stewart	Rt. 1, Box 65	Robinson
	Bernice Andrews	Rt. 2, Box 99	Union Point
	Carlton Lester	Rt. 2, Box 83	"
	Sanford Evans	Rt. 2, Box 78	"
	Larry Dixon	Rt. 2, Box 201	Crawfordville
	Ella Ruth Evans	Rt. 2, Box 90	Union Point
	James Dateen	Rt. 2, Box 82	Crawfordville
	Charlie L. Evans	Rt. 2, Box 90	Union Point
	Gaylane Bowman	Rt. 2, Box 85	"
	J. C. Meadow	Rt. 2, Box 69	"
	Collins King	Rt. 2, Box 76-A	Crawfordville
	Cullie L. Turner	Rt. 2, Box 82	Union Point
	Charlie Milton	Rt. 2, Box 205	Crawfordville
	Willie Billingsley	RFD 2, Box 198	"
	Willie L. Randolph	Box 129	Union Point
	Juanita Andrews	Rt. 2, Box 99	"
	Horace Stewart	Rt. 1, Box 65	Robinson
	Eulis Dateen	Rt. 2, Box 81	Crawfordville
	Betty J. Peek	P. O. Box 288	"
	Harry King	Rt. 2, Box 137	"
	Mrs. Elizabeth Evans	Rt. 2, Box 90	Union Point

CITY OF ALBANY GEORGIA 31702

November 18, 1963

Mr. Thomas C. Chatmon
Chairman
Dougherty County Crusade for Voters
426 Lincoln Avenue
P.O. Box 1641
Albany, Georgia

Dear Mr. Chatmon:

This letter will permit the installation of overhead banners for the Dougherty County Crusade for Voters across the 200 block of South Jackson Street and the 600 block of South Jefferson Street.

I am enclosing herewith two copies of this letter as well as the original. These two copies with the banners and $15 for each banner should be carried to Mrs. Hall at the Public Utilities Operations Building, 901 North Front Street in the city, and these materials handed to her. One copy of the letter will be a substantiation for receipt of the monies by Mrs. Hall and when marked "paid" by her, the other copy will become a work order to the Light Department to place the banners at their earliest convenience.

The banners will be erected for a period of sixty days from the time fo their delivery as stated above or until such time as the weather may deteriorate them as to make them unsafe for traffic on the streets, at which time they will be removed for pickup by the applicant.

Yours very truly,

A. A. Roos
City Manager

P.S. This is acopy of
the original letter.

SOUTHERN
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VOTER REGISTRATION

Progress Report

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CITY Albany
COUNTY Dougherty STATE Georgia
DATES 12-9-63 TO _____
For Month of Nov. 1963
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Stastical Summary;

No. persons registered 100
No. persons applying 150
No. persons contacted 300
Total attendance at V.R. meetings 225-250

No. Volunteer Workers 83
No. Paid Workers 3
No. Working hours per week 48

Names and amounts of compensation:
Rev. C.L. Battle - $15.00 - weekly
Mr. James Daniels - 15.00 - "
Mr. Willie Bolden - 35.95 - "

Description of Voter Registration Program:

Plan of Organization: We have organized different Committees and elected Chairmans & Co-Chairmans. Some of the Committees are:

1. Organization
2. Transportation
3. Entertainment
4. Ministerial
5. Telephone
6. Businesses
7. Schools & P.T.A.
8. Publicity
9. Speakers
10. Area Chairman

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Car Stop
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Car Stop
Speakers
Telephone

Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.)

The only problem is that the County Courthouse is open only on Thursday's until after the election of Sheriff. We have chosen a committee of three to go down to the office of the registrar to try and get them to open the ~~Books~~ everyday. Mr. Slater King is Chairman of this committee

Plans for Dealing with Problems:

Plans for dealing with problems is in the above statement.

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.)

We are placing S.C.L.C.'s Poster "We Shall Overcome" in the Communities and surrounding Counties. Overhead banners are being hung across the 200 Block of South Jackson and the 600 Block of South Jefferson St., in front of the Dog. Cu. Crusade the voters of the.

Sponsoring Organization The Albany Movement Contact person Mr. Slater King

ADRESS 502 South Monroe Street PHONE 6-0518

Submitted by: Mr. Willie M. Bolden - Director

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

VOTER REGISTRATION

Progress Report

CITY Albany

COUNTY Dougherty STATE Georgia

DATES 12-1-63 TO 12-31-63

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Stastical Summary;

No. persons registered 32

No. persons applying ~~27~~ 30

No. persons contacted 81

Total attendance at V.R. meetings the month of (Dec) 25 - 30

No. Volunteer Workers 40

No. Paid Workers 3

No. Working hours per week 48 or more

Description of Voter Registration Program:

Plan of Organization:

Same as last report, however I make a few changes. I feel that these changes will help the program. I will inform you of these changes later.

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We have speakers in different sections of the city; we are working on the county; Door to door canvass

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Progress Report

COUNTY _____ STATE _____

DATES 12-1-63 TO 12-31-63

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At the present I am faced with two problem: (1) Christmas holidays (over now) (2) On the last drive, Mr. Calhoun had money to pay the canvashers, and most of the people, now wants to get paid. I understand he had $5,000 dollars to do this, and I only have $1,500, so you can see what I'm saying. Nevertheless, I will over come. There are a few faithful workers. From talking to people, they seem disinterested because there is no excitement

Plans for Dealing with Problems:

On January 11, 1964, we are having a parade, followed with a Bar-b-Q and speaker. I am in the process of contacting either, Rev. M.L. King, Rev. Abernathy or Mr. Shuttlesworth. I am hoping that this will give the Negroes some enthusiasm.

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.)

Voter registration pins (I am a registered voter, Are you?)

Sponsoring Organization S.C.L.C. Contact person Mr. Slater King

ADRESS 502 South Monroe Street PHONE HE 6-0518

Submitted by: Willie Belden

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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CITY Albany

COUNTY Dougherty STATE Georgia

DATES 12-31-63 TO 1-28-64

Stastical Summary;

No. persons registered 58

No. persons applying between 100-125

No. persons contacted 250

Total attendance at V.R. meetings 300

No. Volunteer Workers 70-75

No. Paid Workers 3

No. Working hours per week 48 or more hours

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CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

VOTER REGISTRATION

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Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.)

You will see enclosed an article from the Board of Registrar's stating, that they will be Closed on Saturday's. This is because we get more people registered on Saturday than any other day. Most of the Negroes here do not get off until 5:30 or 6:00, by that time the Registrar's office is Closed. you see even by staying open all day Wednesday is no help at all.

Plans for Dealing with Problems: The Ministers Alliance has a Committee of four along with Mr. Chatmon and I. will have a meeting with the County Board of Registrar's on Wednesday March 11, 1964 at 3:00 P.M. at that time we will discuss these Matters. On March 15, 1964 at 8:00 P.M. Mr. Chatmon and I will meet with the County Commissioners to get something done about the Registrar's office. This is a method that we are going to use to work on the Board of Registrar's: We are going to pass out slips of paper with the names and phone numbers of each member tonight at our mass meeting (Continue on Back)

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.)

We still have pins that we wear saying I am a registered voter are you? Signs on windows of homes Businesses and Cars saying all of us are registered to vote Are you? We would like for you to send us some stickers saying register to vote, If you can please send them right away or just send any stickers Concerning registered to vote.

Sponsoring Organization _____ Contact person Willie Belden

ADRESS 600-A So. Jefferson Street PHONE 436-5184

Submitted by: Willie Belden

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VOTER REGISTRATION

Progress Report

CITY Albany
COUNTY Dougherty STATE Georgia
DATES 12-31-63 TO 1-31-64

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Methods Used to Contact people to Register: we contact persons by canvassing from door to door. We have a speaker go to various churches and have the pastor to set up a committee to see that each auxiliary and each member of that particular church is registered. The methods that I used at the two Junior High and Senior High schools is that I mimeograph letters to the parents from the student teacher stating whether or not they are registered Voters of not, when can the student teacher visit the students parent and discuss how important it is to become (Continue on Back)

Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.)

the registrar at the Courth [illegible]

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Methods Used to Contact people to Register: we contact persons by canvassing from door to door. We have a speaker go to various churches and have the pastor to set up a committee to see that each auxiliary and each member of that particular church is registered. The methods that I used at the two Junior High and Senior High schools is that I mimeograph letters to the parents from the student teacher stating whether or not they are registered Voters of not, when can the student teacher visit the students parent and discuss how important it is to become (Continue on Back)

Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.)

The registrar at the Courthouse seems to be a bit rebeltant at times, these times are when I am not there. She has refused Family Bibles for identification and Social Security Cards. She carries on unnecessary conversation when one is in to register. This is simply to delay time because, she closes exactly on the hour. The registrar at the City Hall is reasonable but you know you can never tell about them.

Plans for Dealing with Problems: On Tuesday Mr. Chatmon who is the Chairman of the drive is going to the County Commission meeting to see whither or not they might get some more help in the registrar office at the County Courthouse and to get the hours a little longer. At the Courthouse on Wednesday they close a half day and on Saturday they close a half day. At the City Hall they are open 5½ ~~hours~~ days a week. At the City Hall they are open from 9:00 to 12:00 in the morning and from 1:30 to 5:00 in the afternoon. At the Courthouse they are open from 9 to 12 in the morning (Continue on Back)

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.)

We use S.C.L.C. sign posters. Pins that read: I am a registered Voter are you? We have started Negro Neighborhood picketing with signs that states only; Register to Vote now.

Sponsoring Organization S. C. L. C. Contact person Willie Belden

ADRESS 600-A So. Jefferson Street PHONE 436-5184

Submitted by: Willie Belden

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Plans for dealing with Problems:

And from 1:30 to 5:00 in the afternoon. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. We are hoping that our meeting with the County Commission get the office open longer because most Negroes don't get off until 5:30 or 6:00 and it has been a hurt to the drive. However, we feel that we will solve this problem

Rec'd 2/23/64

February 19, 1964

Mr. Willie Bolden
502 S. Monroe Street
Albany, Georgia

RE: VEP 3-26

Dear Mr. Bolden:

It was a pleasure to talk briefly with you at the meeting on Saturday at the Americana. We were encouraged by the report given by Mr. Williams at that meeting.

As I indicated in our conversation, we have not received a report of your February activities. We would appreciate your forwarding it to us immediately.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

cc: The Rev. Andrew Young

Rec'd 2/24/64

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

VOTER REGISTRATION

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on February 22. We had what you call freedom day here in Albany. We had Persons picketing in the Negro Community. The signs read " Register and vote, Go down to the Courthouse and City hall and register today. It was quite effective There were a number of people at the Courthouse and saw the signs and they Came down to register, There were Photographies from SNCC. At the Courthouse taking Pictures. You may write SNCC. And get some of them. The only Problem we had (Continue on Back)

Plans for Dealing with Problems:

Is the same as on January report. If we can get these Problems solved the drive will be even more successful.

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.)

The methods are being used as in January report of Course, we believe the Picketing in the Negro Community is most effective.

Sponsoring Organization S. C. L. C. Contact person Willie Belden

ADRESS 600-14 So. Jefferson PHONE 436-5184

Submitted by: Willie Belden

Discussion of Problem Faced:

there was only one registrar there at the Courthouse. She said that she wouldn't register as many as she could before 12:00 O'clock. At ten minutes to eleven she was able to get another gentleman to help her register the people. She told me that on the next saturday she would have more help. However, at the City Hall they had three registrar working.

MAR 4 1964

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JS ✓
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DOUGHERTY COUNTY CRUDADE FOR VOTERS
600-A So. Jefferson Street
Albany, Georgia
February 28, 1964

note pictures in photograph file

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

You will find material enclosed in this letter in which we use in the Voter-Registration Drive here in Albany.

The momentum of this drive has picked up a great deal, since about January 15, 1964. As you know the drive began in December, which is a very bad time of the year to begin the drive due to the holidays. Since January 15, up until this present time, the Voter-Registration Drive has begun to interest the Negroes. We can safely say we have registered over 300 or more registered voters, and we do feel that if we can get this drive to continue for at least three or four more months, we will get at least 2,000 or more Negroes registered to vote. This will bring the Negro voting population up to 7,000.

Here are some of the methods we are using to contact persons to register: We canvass different sections of town each day. We have programs set up through the High Schools as follows: Each teacher will contact the parent of each student in his or her homeroom class to see whether or not they are registered. If the parent is not registered the teacher will find out what date, and time and day that the parents would like to go down and register. Then we will get them down.

There are twenty-six Sororities and Franternities and clubs here in Albany. Each club has been assigned to an area in which to canvass. This is another method used to contact persons not registered.

At our Mass Meeting, we have asked everyone to commit themselves to register one or more persons per week, this also we have found very effective.

The Churches have agreed to let us paste small stickers on the back of their Pews. The stickers are printed with the words - Be a True Citizen, Register to Vote Today.

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has come to the office twice to assist us in canvassing and promised to continue to do the same.

The Utilis Matronae Club and Prominent Women's Club here, pledged themselves to begin canvassing Saturday February 29, 1964, and they have designated areas for each of the members. All of these methods are just beginning to bear fruit, as witnessed by the long lines of the people at the polls.

Mr. Slater King, Rev. S. B. Wells, Community Leaders and many youths have picketed over the colored community and downtown in front of the Courthouse and the City Hall, with banners saying - Register to Vote, Be a true Citizen. These methods have really begun to pay off.

We had what you call a Freedom Day here in Albany on February 22, 1964, where we picketed the Negro neighborhoods and downtown Albany. This is also a method that we use. We used it as a psychological act. On February 22, 1964, we were able to get forty or more persons registered.

We have asked the ministers for their support. Each minister is to set up a committee within his church to see that every member of his church becomes a registered voter. They have also been asked to set up a honor roll system so it can be seen by the congregation to see that everyone's name is on there.

There are a few problems that we have had as far as the Voter-Registration Drive is concerned and, they have been dealt with accordingly.

At the City Hall at one time they were not accepting Social Security cards for identification. When this was told to me, I, alone with Dr. E. D. Hamilton and Mrs. Aurelia Noble investigated that problem. The registrar told us she could only accept driver's license, insurance policies and bank book accounts. We don't know really what was done but, I do know at this time she will accept social security cards. They also have two or three registrars working at the City Hall. On last Saturday there was only one registrar working at the Courthouse and, she finally got some help at eleven o'clock. She then told me that she would have more help on the following Saturday

On January 11, 1964, The Dougherty County Crusade For Voters had a gigantic Voter-Registration Parade and Barbecue followed with a Voter-Registration meeting. The city granted us the use of a large Municipal Park, which was an unprecedented act here in Albany. Because of the fear of inclement weather, the location was changed to the Third Kiokee Baptist Church. The guest speaker for the parade and barbecue was the Rev. James Bevel. We found that the parade really awakened the Negroes interest in Voter-Registration.

Two High School Bands played in the parade. Most of the Negro Clubs, Fraternities, Sororities and Businesses had decorated cars or floats with Voter-Registration themes and motifs. Each of these groups paid for their own expenses.

We are really attempting to use advertisment everywhere in attempting to catch the imagination of the Negro community. We are using a psychological blitz to bombard their mentality with the necessity of registering and to further make them feel that they Do Not Have Community Approval anywhere, In the church, social clubs, night clubs, fraternities, the movement, or anywhere else unless they are registered to vote.

Secure

Mr. King has taped on the radio many many appeals for Voter-registration asking prospective registrees to call us at our office in Albany (DCCV) to let us give them assistance in attempting to get registered. He has at his own expense taped these advertisments on two radio stations, one in Dawson Georgia (this station has a large Albany listening audience, plus it reaches Americus, Leesburg, Sylvester) at W. D. W. D. in Dawson and W. J. A. Z. in Albany.

The city gave us permission to hang two signs over very busy streets (see enclosed picture). Thousands of cars and pedestrians pass these intersections each day and repeatedly read the lettering that is printed on both sides of these banners saying: Be a True Citizen, Register To Vote.

You will find a copy of the program enclosed. We also had the Rev. S. L. Shuttlesworth here to speak on Voter-Registration. The Rev. Abernathy also spoke on February 3, 1964 on Voter-Registration. I might add that each Sunday we have a speaker go to various churches to make an appeal on Voter-Registration. On February 28, 1964, I have an engagement with the Dougherty County Teacher League to ask their support to make this drive successful. On february 25, 1964, Mr. Thomas Chatmon and I met with the City Commissioners to see if they could use their influence to keep the books open at the registration office at least two hours later. And if so, to have the books moved out in the Negroes community and make it a little more convenient for those who work late.

They say it is a Georgia Law against taking the books out of the registrar office but, we will hear from them soon about keeping the registrar office open later.

We are beginning to see a stirring in the community that our psychological blitz is causing. It affects peoples minds and then motivates their hands and their feet into action walking on blocks and knocking on doors. The leavening is just beginning to act upon the comminuty into these coming months. We know that all of these factors can bear fruit.

Yours For First Class Citizenship

Mr. Thomas Chatmon, Chairman
Willie Bolden
Mr. Willie Bolden, Director
Eddie Battle
Rev. Eddie Battle, Area Chairman
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At the Courthouse, here are some of the problems that we faced on February 29, 1964. They had a County Police by the name of H. S. Murry, who was directing the line. He spoke to the people very, very nasty. This is the statement of his, and I quote, "If you people here want to register, get over here beside the wall and line up." He also made a statement directly to me, that he was running things in the Courthouse. He also threaten to put me in jail if, I did not move from against the wall next to the registrar office.

There were between ten and twelve Negroes in line waiting to register. He had a line for the White and a line for the Negroes. He deliberately held up the Negro line to register four or five Whites. When I asked him about what he had done he stated again, "I am doing this the way I want it done." I in turn spoke to the Negroes there and made this statement, and I quote, "Now you see why it is so important that we register and get as many of us registered as we can so, we can get rid of these types of people."

Through all of this we were still able to get twenty-four registered voters.

I feel that this should be reported to the Local F. B. I. and the Justice Department.

Yours For First Class Citizenship

Mr. Willie Bolden

A copy of this has been sign and notarized and sent to the Justice Department. Also the Local F. B. I. was here and they interviewed me about the incidents that occured on February 29, 1964, at the County Courthouse.

Yours For First Class Citizenship

Willie Boldem

Mr. Willie Boldem

MAR 6 1964

100 REGISTER IN SOUTHWEST GEORGIA FREEDOM DAY

Albany citizens attempt to register at courthouse

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA - A four - county "Freedom Day" Feb. 22 has resulted in "at least 100" attempts to register to vote here.

Vote attempts were made in Terrell, Sumter and Dougherty Counties. In Lee County, where registration books were closed, 150 Negroes gathered at New Piney Grove Baptist Church for a vote rally.

Like Hattiesburg, Mississippi's Jan. 22 Freedom Day, Southwest Georgia's was a victory.

"We have never picketed and leafleted downtown without having arrests before today" SNCC's Southwest Georgia project head Charles Sherrod said in Albany.

Here's a breakdown on activity

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S. W. GEORGIA

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in each county:

Terrell County: Over 40 Negroes went to register in Dawson, where pickets urged Negroes to register. There were no arrests.

Sumter County: Over 60 have attempted to register in the past three weeks, and on Freedom Day, voter registration pickets and leafleteers were downtown most of the day. There were no arrests.

Doughterty County: Leafleting and picketing were carried on downtown and an afternoon rally was held. Two pickets walked in front of the county courthouse, two across the street, and four at city hall. There were no arrests.

Lee County: Registration books were closed, but during the past three weeks, many have tried to register. An evening mass meeting was held here, well attended by 150 Negroes. "It was a real victory," a participant said.

In a surprise move, 25 jailed members of the "Quebec - Washington - Guantanamo Peace Walk" were released from the Albany jail Saturday afternoon Feb. 22. They had been in and out of the jail for several weeks, after they refused to adhere to a parade route set out by Albany Police Chief Laurie Pritchett.

Their release was viewed as another victory here.

The Albany story - and the history of the voter registration drive in Southwest Georgia - has been one of denial of the right to picket, the right to distribute leaflets, and the right to organize.

SNCC workers have had to contend with arrests and intimidations from local policemen in their three- year fight to register Negro voters.

Just as on Hattiesburg's Freedom Day, SNCC workers here Feb. 22 were "allowed" to exercise their rights by local law officers.

WBV
BWV
RTBV
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County Dougherty

State Georgia

On Saturday morning February 15, 1964, I, Miss Daisy Newsome, a residence of 403 Corn Street Albany, Georgia, Dougherty County, took Mr. Willie Thomas to the County Courthouse to register. The registrar asked his age, how long has he been living in Dougherty County. Mr. Thomas answered all of these questions satisfactorily.

The female registrar had him read a card, which he read with no difficulty, then she had him sign his name on the card and on the book. Then the registrar said that was all.

On February 27, 1964, Mr. Thomas received an enclosed letter in the mail informing him that due to inefficiency in reading and writing, the board has rejected your application.

On Monday March 2, 1964, I asked the lady registrar at the Dougherty County registration office why was Mr. Thomas rejected, she answered let me check it. She then went to a file and pulled the card. She said that he had been rejected because he signed his name very poorly, and that she had difficulty reading his writing.

Signature _____

N. P. _____

Sworn and subscribed before me this _____day of March, 1964.

My commission expires _____.

Georgia, Dougherty County

Now comes the undersigned before an officer authorized by the laws of the state aforesaid, who deposes and says under oath the following:

That he is Willie Bolden, Director of the Dougherty County Crusade For Voters: that the latter named organization is one of local origin calculated to maximize registration and voting among Negroes in the Negro community: that on February 29, 1964, while at the Dougherty County Court House, wherein the office of the Registrar of Dougherty County is situated he did witness a county police officer, H. S. Murry speak to a group of Negroes assembled in a line in a most discourteous and intimidating manner: that said Negroes were awaiting their turn to be interviewed by the Registrar· that the exact utterance of the said officer was "if you people want to register get over here beside the wall and line up: that the original formation of said line was against the wall next to the entrance of the Registrar's office: that the line they were subsequently directed to form by the said officer was against the wall opposite the entrance of the Registrar's office· that said officer created a line for members of the white race in the area initially occupied by the Negro Contingent: that when he, the undersigned failed to move to the area disignated by the said officer: the said officer threatened to put him in jail· that said officer further refused to permit any persons who were members of the line restricted to Negroes, to enter the Registrar's office until such time as all of the said whites had been admitted to the office of the Registrar.

Willie Bolden
WILLIE BOLDEN

Sworn to and subscribed to me
this 5 day of March, 1964

Walter Poitevint
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires June 8, 1965.

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you will see enclosed an Article from the Board of Registrars stating, that they will be Closed on Saturdays. This is because we get more people registered on Saturday than any other day. Most of the Negroes here do not get off until 5:30 or 6:00, by that time the Registrar's Office is Closed. you you see even by staying open all day Wednesday is no help at all.

Plans for Dealing with Problems: The Ministers alliance has a Committee of four along with Mr. Chatman and I, will have a meeting with the County Board of Registrars on Wednesday March 11, 1964, at 3:00 P.M. At that time we will discuss these Matters. On March 15, 1964 at 8:00 P.M., Mr Chatman and I will meet with the County Commissioners to get something done about the registrar's Office. This is a Method that we are going to use to work on the Board of Registrar's: We are going to Pass out slips of paper with the Names and Phone numbers of each member tonight at our Mass Meeting (Continue on Back)

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.)

we still have Pins that we wear saying I am a registered Voter Are you? Signs on windows of homes Businesses and Cars saying All of us are registered to Vote Are you.? We would like for you to send us some stickers saying register to Vote. If you can please send them right away or just send any stickers Concerning registering to vote.

Sponsoring Organization _____ Contact person Willie Balden

ADRESS 600-A So. Jefferson Street PHONE 436-5184

Submitted by: Willie Bolden

MAR 11 1964

Methods used to Contact people to register: MAR 11 1964

the parents are registered, if not when could the teachers come by and talk to the parents about registering to vote. The Uhi's Matronae Club Canvassed a section of Albany on Sunday afternoon March 8, 1964, and they Contacted 96 persons. we hope to get all of the non-voters registered this week.

Plans For Dealing With Problems:

And have them to Call each one of them all during the day and night about keeping the registrar's office open all day on Saturday's or a half day on Saturday.

WB ✓
BW
JS
RTB ✓

March 9, 1964

MAR 11 1964

Mr. Robert Kennedy
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Kennedy:

This is the picture of the County Officer H. S. Murry.

On March 5, 1964, the Board of Registrar'r at the County Court House had an article in the Albany Herald, stating that the Court House would be closed every Saturday and open all day on Wednesday. Instead of being open a half day on Wednesday and a half day on Saturday.

Saturday is our best day for getting people down to register, because most of the Negroes do not get off until 5:30 or 6:00 and at that time the Court House is closed.

We feel that the Board of Registrar's at the County Court House is being unjust.

We would like for you to look into this matter immediately. You will find also enclosed a picture showing persons wanted to register on March 7, 1964.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Mr. Willie Bolden

WB/gm

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NOTICE:

This is a copy of the statement that we sent also to the Justice Department.

VOTERS
REGISTRATION

THE DOUGHERTY County Board of Registrars announced today that the County voter registration office would remain open all day on Wednesdays in the future, and would be closed all day on Saturdays. The office, located on the first floor of the Dougherty County Courthouse, formerly was open half a day on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Leaders Tells Of Voters Registration Treatment

BY WILLIE BOLDEN

On February 29, 1964, there was a County Officer by the name of H. S. Murry, who was suppose to be directing the people to the registrar office. He spoke very very nasty to the people. He even wanted to put me in jail. He told me that "he was running things on that day and if, I did not move he would put me in jail."

He also had help from Dick Brown, Deputy Kato. "Deputy Kato ask my name and I gave it to him" Officer H. S. Murry and Deputy Kato deliberately held up the Negro line to let the white people register.

I spoke to Deputy Kato about it and he stated that "he was doing it the way that he wanted it done, and he did it just that way." However, we know that it is just a method used to annoy and to take away Negro interest in registering and voting.

I would like to say this to you. The white power structure knows the power of the ballot. They will do anything to stop the Negroes from voting, but, we as Negroes know the power of the ballot, also and we do intend to use it. But we intend to use it in a nonviolent way. And that way is at the polls on election day.

Let's do not let this evil system discourage or disinterest our registering and voting habit. Believe it or not, voting will make Albany the home of the land, and the land of the free.

Surely as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. says, we will say here in Albany; Free At Last, Free At Last, Thank God Almighty I am Free At last."

Thank you.

Yours For First Class Citizenship
DCCV Director
Mr. Willie Bolden

Utilis Matronae Club Will Join Local Canvas For Registered Voters

Members of Utilis Matronae eFderated Club will join other Albany for registered voters on Sunday, March 8 from 4 to 6 p. m. The groups in a house to house canvass special area assigned to this group is Lincoln Heights, All members of the club are asked to meet at the home of Mrs. Slater King, 1304 S. McKinley Street promptly at 4:00 for block assignments. Mrs. Mary Seay, President.

March 12, 1964

Mr. Willie Bolden
600-A S. Jefferson Street
Albany, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bolden:

Thank you for your letter of March 9, in which you enclosed a progress report of your Albany, Georgia voter registration program for the period ending March 7, and a copy of your letter of March 9, to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

I note in your letter to the Attorney General that you complain of the fact that the courthouse in Albany is now closed all day on Saturday and open all day on Wednesday, whereas it formerly was open a half day on Wednesday and Saturday.

I can understand your reason for wanting to see the courthouse kept open on Saturday for the convenience of people who work every day but I doubt if you could honestly contend that the closing of the courthouse on Saturday involves any active racial discrimination as there has long been a tendency for public offices to be closed on Saturday, and it is surprising that a city the size of Albany is just now joining this trend. The only suggestion which I could offer is that you talk to the Board of Registrars and try to get them to arrange to be open on certain nights during the month even if it is only one night every week or two. They might be willing to do this on a temporary basis between now and May 2, which is the deadline for registration for voting in the November general election.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton
Director

WAB:jl
cc: The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy

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4/23/64

At the County Court House on April 14, 1964, the following incident occured.

County Sheriff Lamar Steward struck me knocking me down the steps on the hood of his car. He then informed his deputy's to look me up. Deputy Kato along with two others carried me to jail. After they got me inside the jail they then boxed and kicked me around. They had two jailmen to carry me to the cell. While I was in the cell Deputy Kato came up and threw water on me.

All of this happened while I carried a young lady by the name of Miss Ernestine McGowan down to register.

The excuse that they used was that I parked the Dougherty County Crusade For Voters car in the wrong parking spot. However, back in the month of February, another incident occured with the same deputy named in this affidavit.

I am requesting that you take immediate action about this.

Yours For First Class Citizenship,

Willie Bolden

WB/gm

BW — Find out to whom this letter was sent. I suspect it was the Justice Dept. WB

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

VOTER REGISTRATION

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No. persons contacted 210

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On monday Night April 20, 1964 at mass meeting there were about 650 to 700 attendance

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CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE

VOTER REGISTRATION

Progress Report

COUNTY Dougherty STATE Georgia
DATES 3-7-64 TO ~~4-24-64~~ 4-31-64

APR 23 1964

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Stastical Summary;

No. persons registered ~~64~~ 190

No. persons applying ~~64~~ 190

No. persons contacted 210

Total attendance at V.R. meetings 150 to 175
On monday Night April 20, 1964 At mass meeting there were about 150 to 180 attendance

No. Volunteer Workers 30

No. Paid Workers 7

No. Working hours per week 40 to 48 hours each

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Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.)
As far as the board of Registars are concern things are going pretty well so far but, we are still having a little trouble trying to show the negroes how important it is to become a registered voter this problem we hope to overcome very shortly. This may not be a problem but I would like for you to know anyway. On April 8, 1964, the Chief of Police gave me permission to use the loud speaker to to go into the Negro Community to stimulate Voter-Registration. I believe this is just a technique used to intimidate the negroes. While I was out broadcasting a couple of Chief Pritchett boys came up to investigate. I told them that I had permission from Chief Pritchett (Continue on Back)

Plans for Dealing with Problems:

To get as many negroes registered in Albany as we possible can. I feel this will eliminate all ~~problems~~ problems

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.)
We are using S.C.L.C. freedom card and bumpers stickers on automobiles.

Sponsoring Organization S.C.L.C. Contact person Willie Bolden

ADRESS 609-A So. Jefferson Street PHONE 436-5184

Submitted by: Willie Bolden

Discussion of Problems Faced: to use the loud speaker for voter-Registration but, they in turn rugg me up a little, handcugg my hands behind my back and carried me and the car to Jail. they found out after they took me to Jail that I had permission to use the loud speaker, they released me. I went right back to the spot where they arrested me and began to emphasize registration.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

VOTER REGISTRATION

Progress Report

CITY Albany

COUNTY Dougherty STATE Georgia

DATES April 1 TO April 30

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MAY 5 1964

Stastical Summary;

No. persons registered 459

No. persons applying 459

No. persons contacted 300

Total attendance at V.R. meetings 1,500

No. Volunteer Workers 14

No. Paid Workers 17

No. Working hours per week 50 to 55 hours

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Plans for Dealing with Problems: Get the Negroes registered and put the whites folks out of office, and this will be done.

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.) We are still using the Freedom cards and bumper stickers and contacting as many people as we can each and everyday including Sunday's.

Sponsoring Organization S. C. L. C. Contact person Willie Bolden

ADRESS 532 Mercer Avenue PHONE 436-0088

Submitted by: Willie Bolden

VEP 3-26

DAILY REPORT

NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED EACH DAY FROM APRIL 1-30 1964

		Wednesday April 1	Thursday April 2	Friday April 3	Saturday April 4
		2	10		2
Monday April 6	Tuesday April 7	Wednesday April 8	Thursday April 9	Friday April 10	Saturday April 11
		4	8		5
Monday April 13	Tuesday April 14	Wednesday April 15	Thursday April 16	Friday April 17	Saturday April 18
6	14	5	22	6	1
Monday April 20	Tuesday April 21	Wednesday April 22	Thursday April 23	Friday April 24	Saturday April 25
32	35	20	54	10	11
Monday April 27	Tuesday April 28	Wednesday April 29	Thursday April 30		
20	57	53	82		

TOTAL FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 459

Total for May 1 and 2, 1964 36

Mrs. Martin Luther King To Speak At Mass Meeting, Monday

Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., wife of Time's "Man of the Year", Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be the Mass Meeting speaker in Albany Monday night, April 13th, at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Mrs. King is being brought to Albany by the Dougherty County [illegible] in the Birmingham Crisis.

Mrs. King is an excellent speaker and always presents a great message. Her role as wife to the nation's leading civil rights leader has given her great insight into the problems of her people.

All Albany is invited to come to Mt. Zion on Monday night and welcome Mrs. King to the city.

ALL MUST WORK

Mrs. Goldie Jackson, secretary of the Albany Movement said "The time has come for Albany and Southwest Georgia to work hard in the field of voter registration. Each citizen of Albany is asked to make himself a committee of one and carry one person to register.

"Your vote and the vote of your friends could send Atty. C. B. King to Congress this year. It will take your and your help to put him there."

Mrs. Jackson said the voter registration office has moved and is now consolidated with the Albany Movement. Please call 6-0088 for any information about voter registration or for free transportation to the court house and city hall for registration.

All citizens of Albany are urged to welcome Mrs. King and hear her at the Mass Meeting Monday night at Mt. Zion Baptist Church and be sure to register so you can vote this fall.

Crusade for Voters to aid the Voter Registration Project.

Mrs. King is no stranger to Albany. She was arrested and placed in jail here during the demonstrations of 1962 and has been with

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City Commission Investigation Of Shootings, Killings Sought

Slater King, President of the Albany Movement spoke to the Albany City Commission on Tuesday night concerning the shooting of Negroes in Albany.

Mr King indicated that at least four Negroes have been shot in the past few months in Albany by City Policemen and that two of them were killed.

"We believe that many of these persons might have been criminals but even criminals have protection granted under our laws. A life is too precious to be taken except as a last resort in self defense. The circumstances surrounding these killings leave many questions unanswered.

"We would like a full scale investigation of the shootings that would not only meet the letter of the law but dictates of conscience as well."

Commissioner Holman motioned that an investigation be made of the killings by Commission's Police Committee and that a report from these findings be given at the next Commission Meeting.

CHATMON SEEKS LONGER REGISTRATION HOURS AT CITY HALL

Thomas Chatmon requested that the City Commission consider moving the voter registration books to the concentrated or conjested areas of the community to make registering more convenient for the people and to consider longer hours for the books at City Hall to be kept open.

"Many persons, Negroes and whites are not able to register because of long working hours," Mr. Chatmon said.

Mr. Chatmon explained that many of the persons desiring to register could not because the registration office is closed before they get off from work.

The City Officials indicated that they would take under consideration longer hours but to move the books was against the law and that to do this would require a referendum of the people for approval or rejection.

It is recalled that the registration books were taken to the Clark Thread Mill so that all of the employees there could register or some arrangement was made to allow the industrial firms to get their employees registered.

Rev. Charles Sherrod, representing the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, John Bolden, executive secretary of the Albany Crusade for Voters were among the Negroes who attended Tuesday night's Commission Meeting.

Mr. Chatmon is president of the Albany Crusade for Voters. He reported that registration is beginning to pick up with several persons going down to register every day. He is urging every Negro to register so he can vote and see to it that his friend is registered too!

Attorney C. B. King Candidate For Cong.

ALBANY — Attorney C. B. King said today that he feels his campaign will accomplish more than victory at the polls next September. He said that he believed his campaign "will help Negroes who are already registered to begin voting together consciously—to start voting in a bloc."

Mr. King said, "I hope my campaign will help Negro voters in the 2nd district to unify, to begin fashioning the kind of political force with which even white candidates will have to reckon."

Campaign workers for Mr. King say that they will use the attorney's candidacy to accelerate voter registration efforts in Southwest Ga. Negroes, who for a long time have registered from the hope alone that the vote might be used to better their living conditions, now have concrete reason for registering—a congressional candidate whom they know will work in their interests.

But Mr. King has a third and equally important goal. He said today, "The poor white people of south Georgia live in conditions nearly as depraved as do poor Negroes, and work for wages nearly as low. I intend to make clear to these poor whites that the causes of their poverty are the same as the causes of Negro poverty. I intend to show the voters of this district that there are really only two groups of people here--the haves and have nots."

Thomas Chatmon, Campaign Manager for Mr. King, said today that the candidate will stump through all twenty of the counties in the 2nd district this summer in order to get his ideas across to the voters. On the tour, he will seek white as well as Negro audiences. "There is already a great deal of interest in Atty. King's campaign—across the district and across the nation," Mr. Chatmon said. "By September we intend that every eligible voter in southwest Georgia will understand why C. B. King is the only possible choice for their representative to the U. S. Congress."

Voter Registration Leader Manhandled

WILLIE BOLDEN

Ladies and Gentlemen! Let's register now before May 2, 1964. There are many reasons why we should do this. But one of the main reason now is to elect people who are going to protect us.

We do not have to get violent with them, but we the Negro people in Albany can fight them at the polls. Let's stop talking about what the white power structure is doing, Let's register to vote and stop them.

Don't forget the mass meeting

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Monday night. Let's everyone come to hear about the brutality coming from Sheriff Lamar Steward and his deputies.

Yours for first class citizenship
Signed

WILLIE BOLDEN

Albany Atty. C. B. King Qualifies For Congress Run

Albany's leading civil rights lawyer, Atty. C. B. King qualified to run for Congress from the Second Congressional District. He paid the $750 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State for Georgia in the State Capitol last Saturday. He became the first Negro in recent years to offer for Congress. It will be his first political race.

He will be opposed by his Dougherty County Superior Court Solicitor Maston O'Neal of Bainbridge.

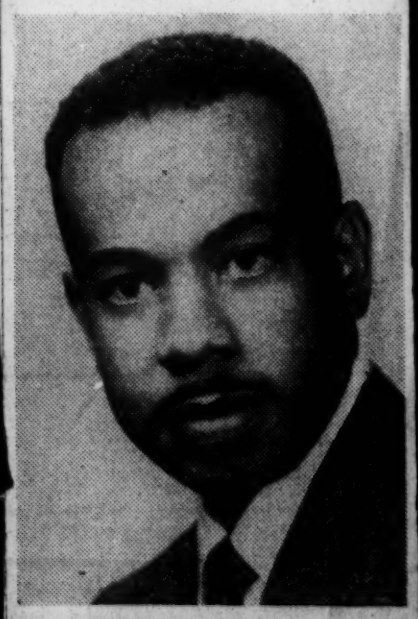
Atty. King will be seeking the seat now held by Congressman J. L. Pilcher of Meigs. Representative Pilcher has accepted a position with the Federal Government and is expected not to seek reelection.

A statement of Atty. King's position is listed in another article in this edition.

Atty. King has been endorsed by the Baptist Ministerial Alliance and the International Ministerial Alliance of Albany. He has been endorsed by the Albany Branch of the NAACP.

When the wire services carried the announcement that Atty. King had qualified for and is running for United States Congress, Atty. King received message from all over the United States. He reported that all of the messages were words of encouragement. Not a single one spoke against his running. Many offered their support.

The King for Congress Committee will be formed, a campaign headquarters set up and a huge rally will formally launched Atty. King's bid for a seat in the House of Representatives.



ATTY. C. B. KING

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SONG----------SELECTED

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER----------REV. S. McKENDRICK

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REMARKS----------MR. M. S. PAGE

VOTER-REGISTRATION APPEAL----------REV. E. BATTLE

COLLECTION----------

REMARKS----------MRS. LETTIE FORD

REMARKS----------S. N. C. C.

REMARKS----------PEACE WALKERS

REMARKS----------MR. SLATER KING

SOLO- - - - - - - - - - - - Miss R. HARRIS

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER--- ----------REV. E. J. GRANT

SPEAKER----------REV. RALPH ABERNATHY

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF THE ALBANY MOVEMENT

BENEDICTION

B E A T R U E C I T I Z E N
R E G I S T E R T O V O T E
T O D A Y

Each one of these committees has its own job to do. I must admit at first it was hard to get these committees functioning properly but, I am very happy to say that most of them now are doing fine.

The five committees on the left Vice Co-Chairman Rev. R. B. Smith is responible to see that the committees do their job.

The five committees on the right Vice Co-Chairman Rev. Joe Smith is responible to see that each of these committees function properly. The said two Vice Co-Chairman makes weekly reports to the director. The Director in term make a report to the Co-Chairman both Co-Chairman and Director make reports to the Chairman.

This is the description of the voter-registration program and the way that I have the County organize.

Left

Right

Thomas Chatmon
CHAIRMAN

Rev S.B. Wells
CO. CHAIRMAN

Willie Bolden
Director

Rev J.J. Johnson
Chaplain

Wilson Bryant
Treas.

Vice CO
CHAIRMAN
Rev. R.B. Smith

Vice CO
CHAIRMAN
Rev Joe Smith

Miss Gladys Madden
Sect.

Mamie Ford
Asst. Sect

Jerome Shider
Speaker

Mrs Jenkins
Publicity

Organization
Mrs French

Transportation
Rev Johnson

Ward
Rev Battle

Entertainment
Mr Porter

Ministerial
Rev E.J. Grant

Telephone
Miss Carter

Businesses
MR George

Schools
R.T.H.
Leo, Henry

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE-SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

REPORT ON CITIZENSHIP CLINICS - JANUARY - MARCH, 1963

A total of nine Citizenship Clinics were held in the State of Georgia conducted by the Statewide Registration Committee and Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The object of these clinics is to train leadership, especially youth, in community organization for registration. The following is a statistical report of counties and numbers of youth and adults present at the nine Clinics.

DATE	PLACE	DISTRICT	COUNTY REPRESENTED	PERSONS ATTENDING ADULT	YOUTH	TOTAL
Jan. 26	Valdosta	8th	Lowndes	15	3	18
			Telfair	5	6	11
			Brooks	1		1
			Clinch	2	3	5
			Brantley	1	3	4
			Barrien	2	9	11
			Appling	3	1	4
			Ware	2	3	5
			Fulton-Staff	8		8
				39	29	68
Feb. 2	Columbus	3rd	Muscogee	20	14	34
			Sumter	1	7	8
			Fulton-Staff	6		6
				27	21	48
Feb. 9	LaGrange	7th	Troup	30	4	34
			Carroll	2		2
			Fulton-Staff	5		5
				37	4	41
Feb. 16	Atlanta	5th	Fulton	29	24	53
			Rockdale	1	3	4
			Dekalb		8	8
				30	35	65
Feb. 23	Athens	9th & 10th	Clarke	18	9	27
			Richmond	3	13	16
			Wilkes	1	3	4
			Morgan	7		7
			Oglethrope	3		3
			Hall	4		4
			Fulton-Staff	4		4
				40	25	65
Mar. 2	Thomasville	2nd	Thomas	14	2	16
			Early	4	6	10
			Decatur	2	3	5
			Tift	4	2	6
			Colquitt	2		2
			Fulton-Staff	4		4
				30	13	43

Mar. 9	Rome	7th	Floyd	23		23
			Cobb	2	4	6
			Bartow	1		1
			Fulton-Staff	5		5
				31	4	35
Mar. 16	Savannah	1st	(This Clinic was sponsored by the South-eastern Georgia Crusade Voters, Mr. Hosea Williams, President.)			
			Chatham	13	12	25
			Richmond	10	26	36
			Emanuel	10	4	14
			Ware	3	3	6
			Liberty	2		2
			Scriven	1		1
			Brantley	2	2	4
			Long	1		1
			Tattnall	3	5	8
			Daugherty	1		1
			McIntosh	1		1
			Wheeler	4		4
			Leon - Tallahassee, Florida	2	1	3
			Fulton-Staff	2		2
				67	51	118
Mar 23	Macon	6th	Jones	2		2
			Telfair	11	3	14
			Lowndes	3	2	5
			Fulton	12	3	15
			Decatur	4	5	9
			Bibb	35	7	44
			Muscogee	6	3	9
			Dooley	1	5	6
			Greene	1	3	4
			Richmond	5	12	17
			Emanuel	14	6	20
			Morgan	8	20	22
			Wilkinson	1		1
			Clinch	5	8	13
			Glynn	4	5	9
			Jefferson	3		3
			Huston	8	4	12
			Pike	1	4	5
			Spalding	2		2
			Ware	4	5	9
			Burke	1		1
			Lawrance	5	2	7
			Lamar	2		2
			Crawford	2	3	5
			Chatham	1	3	4
			Early	1	1	2
			Cooks	2	3	5
			Upson	2		2
				146	105	251

Total different represented at Clinucs: 59
Total Adults attending the nine Citizenship Clinics: 447
Total Youth attending the nine Citizenship Clinics: 287
Total persons attending the nine Citizenship Clinics: 734

Mrs. Ocelia C. Ellis, Secretary, Statewide Registration Committee
J. H. Calhoun, Chairman - Rev. Fred C. Bennette, Field Secretary

A REPORT - STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR CONTACTED COUNTIES WITH BEST POTENTIALS FOR REGISTRATION IN 1963

Submitted by J. H. Calhoun, Chairman, Statewide Registration Committee and Ga. Director, Registration, SCLC - April 1, 1963

CONG. DIST.	COUNTY AND COUNTY SEAT	SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 8-WEEK PROGRAMS: LOCAL SOURCES	OTHER SOURCES	TOTAL NEEDED	RECOMMENDED FOR: COUNTY	DISTRICT	EST. REG. GOALS	NEGRO POPULATION: 18 YRS. OR OVER	1960 CENSUS	ESTIMATED REGISTRATION: FOR 1963	ADD 1961-2	EST. 1960	TOTAL
II	Colquitt-Moultrie				$125.00		500	4,081	8,223			1,329	1,329
	Decatur-Bainbridge				250.00		1,000	5,515	10,493	20	36	1,016	1,072
	Dougherty-Albany				250.00		1,000	16,163	25,998	300	2,000	2,858	5,150
	Early-Blakely				75.00		300	3,277	6,822			214	214
	Mitchell-Camilla				125.00		500	4,971	10,021		575	375	950
	Thomas-Thomasville				250.00		1,000	7,644	14,202	200		1,579	1,779
	Tift-Tifton				300.00		1,250	3,513	7,007			1,113	1,113
	Worth-Sylvester				75.00		300	3,776	8,040			296	296
	District Chairman - Travel					$200.00							
III	Crisp-Cordele				250.00		1,000	3,968	7,621		150	805	955
	Dodge-Eastman				75.00		300	2,328	4,585			2,362	2,362
	Dooly-Vienna				150.00		600	2,866	6,027			722	722
	Houston-Perry				125.00		500	4,228	8,815	35	200	413	648
	Macon-Oglethorpe				125.00		500	4,077	8,299		330	211	541
	Muskogee-Columbus	$700	$1,050	$1,750	1,050.00		4,000	22,549	38,455	600	3,640	3,729	7,969
	Peach-Fort Valley				250.00		1,000	4,562	8,130		146	679	825
	Randolph-Cuthbert				125.00		500	3,663	6,887		32	422	454
	Sumter-Americus				125.00		500	6,710	13,026	25	100	501	626
	District Chairman - Travel					200.00							
IV	Butts-Jackson				75.00		300	2,089	4,183	27		1,582	1,609
	Carroll-Carrolton				125.00		500	3,595	6,994			797	797
	Clayton-Jonesboro				50.00		200	2,456	4,770			552	552
	Coweta-Newnan				250.00		1,000	5,579	10,470			1,535	1,535
	Henry-McDonough				125.00		500	3,539	7,506	50	250	2,057	2,307
	Lamar-Barnesville				100.00		400	2,118	4,049	15		838	853
	Meriweather-Greenville				125.00		500	4,990	9,836			950	950
	Newton-Covington				75.00		300	2,098	7,256			901	901
	Pike-Zebulon				75.00		300	1,952	3,510	35		496	531
	Spalding-Griffin	95	205	300	250.00		1,000	5,252	9,977		150	1,161	1,311
	Troup-LaGrange				500.00		2,000	8,577	15,771	50		1,732	1,782
	Upson-Thomaston				125.00		500	3,615	6,683			455	455
	District Chairman - Travel					200.00							

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V	DeKalb-Decatur						1,000	12,407	22,410		2,000	2,153	4,153
	Fulton-Atlanta						25,000	117,049	193,403	1,200	12,000	35,834	46,834*
	Rockdale-Conyers				$200.00	$100.00	400	1,512	2,889	15	75	668	738
VI	Baldwin-Milledgeville				250.00		1,000	9,235	13,416			2,618	2,618
	Bibb-Macon	$1,950	$6,550	$8,500	200.00		10,000	26,812	47,173	700	6,000	5,829	11,589
	Crawford-Knoxville				75.00		300	1,611	3,364			155	155
	Hancock-Sparta				125.00		500	3,576	7,461		100	1,396	1,496
	Jasper-Monticello				125.00		500	1,705	3,303		100	804	904
	Jefferson-Louisville	105		105	125.00		500	4,980	9,982	20	350	283	653
	Johnson-Wrightsville				125.00		500	2,675	1,261			285	285
	Jones-Gray				125.00		500	4,267	2,195		6	891	897
	Lowens-Dublin				250.00		1,000	6,284	12,030	40		2,188	2,228
	Washington-Sandersville				200.00		800	5,451	10,801	100		1,740	1,840
	Wilkerson-Irvinton				125.00	200.00	500	2,279	4,460			411	411
VII	Bartow-Cartersville				125.00		500	2,393	4,284			312	312
	Cobb-Marietta				250.00		1,000	4,561	8,078	50		1,808	1,858
	Douglas-Douglasville				50.00		200	1,260	2,498			916	916
	Floyd-Rome				250.00		1,000	5,149	9,938	50	225	1,655	1,930
	Gordon-Calhoun				50.00		200	669	1,209		41	321	362
	Whitfield-Dalton	100		100	50.00	100.00	200	1,085	1,917			898	898
VIII	Appling-Baxley				50.00		200	1,401	3,048			1,359	1,359
	Berrien-Nashville				50.00		150	964	1,843			532	532
	Brantley-Nahunta				25.00		100	384	773			300	300
	Clinch-Homerville				75.00		300	1,256	2,486	50	300	326	676
	Cook-Adel	?	?	?	50.00		200	1,755	486	17	17	600	634
	Glynn-Brunswick	135	100	235			4,400	9,162	11,648			2,133	2,133
	Lowndes-Valdosta				250.00		1,000	8,439	15,975	200	100	2,747	3,047
	Telfair-McRae-Jacksonville				250.00		1,000	2,077	4,001	15		169	184
	Ware-Waycross	350	350	700	250.00	200.00	1,000	4,763	8,481	200	300	2,391	2,891
IX	Hall-Gainesville				125.00		500	2,789	5,391	150	175	733	1,058
	Gwinnett-Lawrenceville				75.00		300	1,841	3,506			1,050	1,050
	Barrow-Winder				75.00	100.00	300	1,332	2,562			312	312

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CONG. DIST.	COUNTY AND COUNTY SEAT	SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 8-WEEK PROGRAM: LOCAL SOURCES	OTHER SOURCES	TOTAL NEEDED	RECOMMENDED FOR COUNTY	RECOMMENDED FOR DISTRICT	EST. REG. GOALS	NEGRO POPULATION: 18 YEAR OR OVER	1960 CENSUS	ESTIMATED REGISTRATION: FOR 1963	ADD 1961-2	EST. 1960	TOTAL
X	Clarke-Athens				400.00		1,500	6,740	11,615	200	150	1,451	1,801
	Greene-Greensboro	15o		150	25.00		100	2,998	5,878		300	2,710	3,010
	Morgan-Madison	150		150	125.00		500	2,469	4,920	40		892	932
	Oglethorpe-Lexington				150.00		600	1,709	3,556			199	199
	Richmond-Augusta						11,500	4,785	43,118	1700	3500	5,610	10,810
	Taliaferro-Crawfordsville				25.00		100	1,073	2,097			836	836
	Wilkes-Washington				125.00	200.00	500	3,101	5,619			276	276
	TOTAL	3,735	8,255	11,990	$10,650.00	1500.00	66,875	443,623	782,811	6104	33348	117,471	153360

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN, STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
GEORGIA DIRECTOR, VOTER-REGISTRATION, S. C. L. C., APRIL 1, 1963

Arrived from visit to sick mother, Greenville, S. C. at 9:45 A. M., began working on reports. Conferred with Rev. Bennette on plans for statewide leaders conference, Columbus, Tallahassee and Chattanooga programs. Had a luncheon conference with Mr. Blackwell of VEP, which resulted in the following conclusions; some of which have been gained thru subsequent conversations.

1. Mr. Blackwell shows the result of considerable experience in voter-registration.

2. His thinking and interpretations are unsually mature for a person of his apparent age.

3. We are in agreement on the following points:

   a. Voter-registration of Negroes in the South is not new.

   b. Whereas, in most instances it has lacked guidance and understanding, those few leaders in various community civic and political organizations have been jealous in their limited, sometines "one-man" efforts.

   c. Many organizations, such as the American Heritage Foundation, the NAACP, SRC, Leagues of Women Voters, Human Relations Councils and other civic and political organizations have furnished materials and information on non-partisan political action.

   d. Established local leadership, although mostly political, should not be overlooked in the organization of drives to increase voter-registration. In most instances, it has paved the way for new Civil Rights action.

   e. New organizations in the field, such as, SCLC, SNCC, as well as, reorganized, intensified programs of older agencies: NAACP, Urban League, Core, VEP, etc., have been invaluable adjuncts to the success of civil rights and integration progress, which is most successful in communities where the Negro electorate is large enough to be effective.

   f. Best results in voter-registration can be obtained only thru co-ordinated programs and voluntary workers.

   g. Whereas paid staff, national state and where possible, local are essential, there are not sufficient funds available to pay the necessary canvassers, telephoners, car pool operators, etc. for the mass registration drives that are needed.

   h. The payment of salaries and piece-rate committments is a handicap to enlisting volunteers unless wisely organized and administered.

   i. The paid staff mentioned above can render valuable service to local leadership in organization, techniques, exchange of information, communication, co-ordination and assisting in the solution of leadership problems.

   j. Direct action is absolutely necessary in communities where resistance, or restrictions to mass registration are encountered but should be involded where these are no discriminations. The young people engaged in direct action must be encouraged and supported in conflict areas.

k. The enlistment and encouragement of youth and young adults are essential.

l. A statewide organization helps to provide co-ordinated leadership for state or regional political action.

In this conference we discussed the Columbus situation and agreed to meet there at 10:00 A. M., Tuesday, April 4, for the purpose of helping to solve the leadership problem and get the program going. We agreed that the established organizations would not be effective and that some way must be devised to use Mr. Vernon Mitchell and the younger leadership, with the support of as many ministers as possible, to obtain results. I gave him the names of some additional leaders.

Finding out, later in the day, that Dr. M. L. King, Jr., wanted me to attend the administrative staff conference the next day, although information on the time was not available, I tried unsuccessfully to contact Mr. Blackwell in Atlanta and Columbus but he had left town.

ACTIVITIES OF CHAIRMAN, STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE, GA. DIRECTOR, S. C. L. C., APRIL 2, 1963

Continuing work on reports, made further efforts to learn time of staff conference thru telephone calls. Learned at 10:15 A. M. thru Miss Dora McDonald that it would be at 1:00 P. M. and Dr. King wanted me to sit in for a half hour. I immediatly contacted Mr. Blackwell at the Y. M. C. A. in Columbus and suggested that he go on and make his contacts and I would try to arrive at 5:00 P. M.

Staff conference began at 1:45 P. M. and I learned for the first time that S. C. L. C. officers sought information from me on the following matters:

1. Dr. M. L. King, Jr. - Previous rumors from political leaders and now from unnameable "grass roots" sources that I was using the Georgia Voters League to organize Republican Clubs over the state; plans for the Georgia program during the remainder of the year; loss of Savannah, 1st Congressional District and Macon affiliations who are now receiving direct grants from VEP..
2. Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker - Disloyalty to S. C. L. C. as reported by unnamed state leaders and office staff members; report from an unnamed source that during the Rome Clinic I stated to the person who asked that S. C. L. would not have time to help with their direct action program.
3. Rev. Andrew Young - Concern about concentration on over VEP counties first, there other counties that have been represented at clinics.

My reactions to these matters were related as follows:

1. At no time have I used the clinics or meeting of the Statewide Registration Committee or the Georgia Voters League to Promote the Republican Party.
2. Beginning with the April 13 conference in Atlanta we will concentrate first on the VEP counties, the other counties represented at the various clinics, with the help of District Chairmen, especially if they can get the $1,500 expense money recommended. Recommended allot,emts to counties would depend upon their needs, activities and availably of funds, See report.
3. The loss of Savannah, Augusta, Macon and the threat to Columbus are attributable directly to our failure to live up to

our committments to them last year. Messrs. Hose Williams, William P. Randall and Vernon Mitchell, leaders in their respective area are now working with us. Richmond County, Augusta, has been represented at three clinics and we plan to work with them as we do in Macon, Dekalb County and Atlanta. In fact, Mr. Randall expressed himself as being agreeable to having VEP funds for the 6th Congressional District paid thru S. C. L. C., who in turn would turn over the entire amount for Bibb County, to them immediately.

4. The unsubstantiated rumors reported by Rev. Walker are preposterous.
   a. There have been no such remarks in Rome or any other place, in fact my attitude all over the state is exactly the opposite.
   b. I must insist upon proper and polite office decorum, however it is interpreted by the office clerical staff. I will, however, conform to all stated office procedures.

I found it necessary to state again that I could not afford to become involved in direct action unless it grew out of our voter-registration activities. In that case I would work out of it as any civil rights leader would work out. This po is taken to keep harmony and participation of county leaders and to secure, if possible, cooperation of county officials in order to secure mass registration. It is hoped that all misunderstandings are now clarified because our affiliation with S. C. L. C. is, to my mind, the greatest thing that has happen to voter-registration in Georgia.

After the conference, Rev. Bennette and I left for Columbus, where I arrived at 6:00 P. M. The entire evenin was spent with Messrs. A.J. McClung, Vernon Mitchell and Blackwell of VEP. We reached the following understanding:

1. We will meet with a representative group of leaders Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00 P. M. at dinner.
2. There we will lay plans for a campaign.

It was found that the committee headed by Rev. W. J. Reynold had difficulty in reaching an agreement over paying him $8.00 for expenses to Macon and the meeting experienced confusion. Our records show that Rev. Reynolds and Whit Battle, also from Columbus, were each paid $10.30 for the trip to the Macon Clinic on March 23, 1963.

April 9, 1963 - Rev. Bennette and I attended a dinner meeting with leaders in Columbus sponsored by Messrs. Vernon Mitchell, A. J. McClung and others. Mr. Mitchell opened the meeting with prayer and explained the purpose to bring together elements that will make the registration drive effective. Mr. McClung introduced me to speak. In my talk the following points were emphasized.

1. The absolute necessity for coordinated action.
2. Difficulties in securing support for young leadership.
3. Importance of ministerial cooperation.
4. Value of Mr. Vernon Mitchell as an organizer.
5. The need for a large number of voluntary workers.

Mr. Mitchell presented his problem as being mostly financial, but there is also the need for coordination. Mr. Albert Thompson and Mr. M. H. Jackson commented upon the needed for community leadership. Mr. Ford, president of NAACP suggested campaigning under the political action committee of the branch. Mr. Fred Franklin questioned this for the reason that many Negroes are afraid of NAACP. Mrs. Jones did not agree because there would be people who would feel the same way about any organization for progress. Mr. Thompson stated we are near agreement but we need grass roots organization. He also referred to organization for political action.

Mr. McClung called attention to the need for pernament planning, with each community selecting its own leadership. Mrs. Jones raised a question as to what organization should be responsible. Mr. Ford asked if NAACP could do the job. Mr. Mitchell replied that the organization did not matter, but what we need liaison. Mr. Franklin said we should decide on what to do. Mr. McClung asked how we can work without avoiding conflict. Mr. Jackson referred to a meeting last week where he was replaced as treasurer. He had secured $100.00 for registration and now they say they won't do anything. Mr. Thompson referred to a coordinated program. Mr. McClung referred to the Community Organization Committee which had been appointed: Albert Thompson, Vernon Mitchell and Dr. Wright, as a possible solution to the leadership problem.

Mr. McClung stated that many were critical of the organization of the Clinic from lack of information and indicated how the Community Organization Committee and the Church Committee were formed. Mr. Jackson felt that the committee should be expanded even to include ministers. Mr. Jackson moved the organization but was asked to hold the motion. Mr. Franklin agreed that this is the best solution. Mr. Jackson moved that the committee be expanded to include additional members and carry a report to the parent committee. This proposal was adopted.

All during the discussion Mr. Ford was seeking to place the direction of voter-registration under the Political Action Committee of the NAACP. This idea received support only from Mrs. Jones, who is apparently a good campaign worker for NAACP.

It was also agreed that at the next meeting of the overall registration committee it would be reported that the community organization groups had been organized and expanded. Rev. Bennette and I were to be notified and advised if it is feasible for us to be present. Mr. Mitchell agreed to withhold any activity that would require funds or to raise funds until a proper report had been made.

ACTIVITIES OF J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN - STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE, GA. DIRECTOR, S. C. L. C. - APRIL 14, 1963

Talked with Rev. Bennette about activities for the week. Called Hosea Williams, Savannah concerning his failure to attend the statewide meeting. He explained that the visit an interracial group from Illinois had interfered with his plans but that eleven counties have citizenship schools which are closing out but he wants to continue at least one in each county. He will have the Southeastern Crusade for Voters to name at least three persons to the Statewide Registration Committee. He wants Rev. Young or Mrs. Edwina Smith to call him after 4:30 Monday.

Worked on daily reports and notes on Statewide Conference on registration.

ACTIVITIES, J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN GEORGIA STATWEIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE, STATE DIRECTOR, S. C. L. C. - APRIL 23, 1963.

Arose early and worked on reports, contacted office in an effort to reach Rev. Andrew Young to discuss statewide program.

At breakfast in B. B. Beamon's Restaurant, Meser Henry C. Brooks, L. B. Henderson and Rufus Sanders of Augusta, Ga. came in and informed me that they had come to see me about voter registration in Richmond County. Mr. Brooks, as president of the Citizens Voters League outlined the situation and after discussion, the following information was given.

1. The registration, sponsored by NAACP ended April 1, 1963 with some 2,000 new persons registered.

2. NAACP officials had instructed that they were through with the drive.

3. On a budget of $2,200., one half of which had been promised by Mr. Patton, of NAACP, $800 had been received.

4. Rev. R. L. Postell the director recommended by Mr. Patton, had not agreed to pay all of the workers used in the campaign. He seemed to feel no sense of responsibility to the Committee, since the funds came from Mr. Patton on signed vouchers.

5. A mobile unit neighborhood registration was in process there April 9th, with places designated for each day in separate Militis Districts.

6. The group sought financial assistance to carry out a "cash" drive there April 9 and reorganize for an all out campaign to register 20,000 new voters.

Following an hours' discussion we made an appointment with Mr. Wiley Branton of VEP for 2:00 P. M. after cleaning it with Rev. Andrew Young, who was also to see Mr. Brantors at 3:00 P. M. We spent about 2½ hours with him with the following results.

1. There was difficulty in understanding Mr. Brook's intention inasmuch as he was anticipating that Mr. Branton would not respond favorably to a project sponsored only by Mr. Brooks' organization.

2. After considerable questioning and cross questioning by Mr. Branton, it was learned that:

   a. Mr. Brooks did want a campaign sponsored only by his organization.

   b. That he was reluctant to work under the original set-up.

   c. The group would work in a coordivated organization after they were informed that funds could not be alletted to a political organization.

After Rev. Young arrived and was acquainted with the situation it was agreed that S. C. L. C. would allot $400 of unspent Georgia VEP funds to a coordinated campaign. Mr. Branton made efforts to contact Mr. Patton in Memphis, but being unable to do so, he requested that the funds not be released until he so advised, not later than the next day.

That night, Mr. Branton was able to reach Mr. Patton, who also indicated that NAACP was through April 1, but he had no objection to a " cash" drive. Mr. Branton, however, decided to make a trip to Augusta, Rev. Fred C. Bennettee agreed to accompany him the next day.

Attended meeting of the All-Citizens Registration Committee at the West Side Y. M. C. A. Mr. Hill outlined the progress of the campaign, emplisizing the use of housing projects and night school organizations to start registration. At the close of the meeting I requested authority to organize the Northease Section. This was granted by unanimous consent.

ACTIVITIES OF J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN, STATEWODE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE, G
GA. DIRECTOR, S. C. L. C. APRIL 24, 1963

Attempted to contact Senator Leroy Johnson concerning proposed trip to Tallahassee, Fla. for a speech on Voter-Registration April 29; talked with his secretary who said he had a previous committment to speak at Southern University because he had not heard from the Tallahassee committee. Talked with Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr. about Atlanta program, who asked me to help him with the budget.

Left Atlanta with Mr. Wiley Branton and Rev. Fred C. Bennette to visit Augusta, arriving there about 6:00 P. M, Enroute to Augusta, Rev. Bennette and I received a considerable amount of information on the VEP. We also answered a number of questions concerning our work in the state. We also reviewed the conference with the Augusta groups and I informed him how the two political organizations, which had been at odds for years, had seemingly agreed on a registration program. This however was apporunitly outside the knowledge of NAACP, who sent Messrs. Patton and Jorden in the very night I spoke in Augusta, Feb. 11 and took over.

We talked with Rev. C. S. Hamilton, who arranged a conference with comm community leaders at Tablenacle Baptist Church. We had dinner and returned to the church for the meeting.

In the conference at Tabhenacle Baptist Church, Rev. C. S. Hamilton, pa pastor and president of the Augusta Branch, NAACP introducted me and I present Mr. Wiley Branton as director of VEP and coordinator of the Voter-Registration research project for the five national organizations under the guidence of the Southern Regional Counccil.

Mr. Branton explained the purpose of VEP as a non-partisan project is to get Negroes registered. He showed the possibility of starting a new organization but to use the forces established. He also explained the necessity for coordination and why the May 5 deadline was too close to do work last spring.

Using local leadership the VEP tried to make an effective program by assigning counties to one of the national organizations but with the idea that the program be coordinated. Direct grants have also been made in Southeast Georgia, Savannah, Macon and Atlanta.

NAACP was assigned to Augusta, Brunswich, Peach County and Macon County. Citing the Mobile unit registration and the plan to continue working afterward, he spoke of the possibility of concentrating on one state. He also mentioned some of the problems in other states and why Georgia is a good state if proper support and enthusiasm can be shown. With offices of NAACP, SCLC, SNNC and the Urban League in Atlanta, the 18 year old law and the prospects of large communities the state of Georgia has a good prospect for winning the decision.

He suggested a meeting of leadership of every organization, non-partisan and non-political. Much of the leadership is the same, so the lead leadership should forget organizations and work for Voter-Registration. Mojey available is small and therefore there is difficulty in paying workers. Volunteer workers, such as in Huntsville, Ala., is the key and a coordinated program was carried out with one paid workers on basis of $400 per month, 2 days per month. They created a spirit of competition between churches and organizations with prizes, progress board and other recognition.

He agains suggested not paying workers who will create problems by not being willing to work without pay. After explaining again the intention of coordination, he asked for comments, first from Rev. Postell, the director. His report indicated more than 2000 Negroes since Jan. 1. He started Feb. 11 and this program was completed April 1, 1963. He distributed hand bills on the mobile unit registration showing dates, places and questions. They had a budget of $1,100.00, to be matched by the local community and presented a financial report to Mr. Branton showing $808.50 plus $130.27. Bills due for workers approximately

$250.00. aa;aru fpr tje director and secretary for 2 weeks; he planned to get money from churches and civic organizations. Mr. Branton estimated that $150.00 more is due from NAACP. Rev. Hamilton estimated that only about $75.00 is due. Mr. Wallace, the chairman, stated that the committee plans personal contacts with individuals and organizations. Rev. Hamilton stated that the balance would be forthcoming from the NAACP. Rev. Postell indicated that an "Operation Door Knob" would be initiated, but today the plans were changed.

Mr. Wallace stated that tentative plans had to be abandoned because of the lack of funds. Mr. Brooks indicated plans to pick up; he would need drivers and paid workers. Mr. Branton expressed the opinion that there seemed to be a lack of an effective community program. Father Morris supported Mr. Wallace's position that promises of pay had handicapped the securing of voluntary workers. Mr. Branton responded that the only way to break the established pattern is for all organizations to get together and agree not to pay. Atty. J. D. Watkins suggested that leaders fail to reach an understanding and to solve problems. Furthermore, all interested persons were not called in at the outset.

Mr. Brooks gave the program of the Citizens Voters League as:

1. A telephone has been installed in the office with a $50.00 deposit
2. A loud speaker is to be used to follow mobile registration; one had been rented at a cost of $42.50.
3. The office is to be given free by the League.

He reviewed the program of his organization as established in co-operation with the Augusta-Richmond County Voters League. In March, coming in to the closing date for registration, April 1, they got together and agreed to work thru Aubust. In answer to a question, Mr. Brooks stated that a co-ordinated program would be better. He expressed the position that it had been impossible to get the committee together.

Rev. Postell gave the following as outstanding bills: workers $250.00, Drivers $409.00, Director $100.00, Secretary $70.00, total $829.00. The committee agreed to pay the drivers and plans to contact churches, organizations and a project. Mr. Branton indicated that some group had not done its duty.

There was considerable discussion about the continuing program, with the following conclusions resulting therefrom:

1. Mr. Brooks, president of the Citizens Voters League, was not willing to work Rev. Postell, director of the Voter-Registration Council, but would continue registration for the mobile unit program, even without financial assistance.

2. Rev. Postell had done a good job, but with Mr. L. B. Wallace's approval, had used funds raised thru a barbecue for workers fees, to pay his and the office secretary's salaries for two weeks that was due.

3. The campaign had not anticipated paid workers but after they had been promised, the committee, although not unanimously, agreed to pay and the amount due workers should be paid.

4. All persons present, except Mr. Brooks, seened to be willing to continue to work thru the Council under the NAACP grant during the mobile unit program and then reorganize for another drive this year.

Mr. Branton finally concluded that since Mr. Brooks was not willing to cooperate, there would be no additional grant but he would try to work out a solution for settling the unpaid bills of $829.00. The meeting then adjourned.

Afterward, thru the influence of Rev. Bennettee, Attorney Watkins and myself, Rev. Morris and Mr. Brooks agreed to carry on and move the office to the Citizens Voters League headquarters. Mr. Branton accepted their proposition and promised to support it. He asked, however, that we contact him before sending the money from SCLC.

On the return trip to Atlanta, Mr. Branton agreed that SCLC send the $400.00 Rev. Young had promised and we agreed to make at least one more visit to help with the program. We discussed techniques which were used to arrive at a solution of this community leadership problem. It was also agreed that we return to Augusta after the May 3 drive and help to reorganize the program for another drive thru August, 1963.

Later, however, Mr. Branton talked with Mr. Patton of the NAACP and made a grant to him for Augusta, as an extension of the previous grant, soe we have not returned there. The situation is now so confused and disintegrated that I have recommended to Mr. Branton that if the community leaders can get together themselves, a direct grant be made, inasmuch as it is not believed that either SCLC or NAACP could organize a successful campaign, acting separately and maybe, not together. Further investigation of the Augusta situation is suggested.

Names of Persons Attending Conference with Mr. Wiley Brantere,

Director V. E. P. at Taberniacle Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga. April 24, 1964.

	Name	Address	Telephone
1.	J. H. Calhoun	243 Auburn Ave., N. E. Atlanta, Georgia	MU 8-8062
2.	Fred C. Bennette	236 Auburn Ave., N. E. Rm 211	521-3928
3.	W. L. Watkins	343 DeWitt Street	PA 2-3204
4.	Mr. Marre	H16 - 12th Street Augusta, Georgia	PA 4-6198
5.	L. B. Henderson	1305 Florence Street	PA 4-2134
6.	Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall	3037 Griggs Court	
7.	Mr. R. A. Dent	117 Gwinnett Street	
8.	Henry C. Brooks	1216 Branch Street	
9.	Rev. G. H. Wingfield	1905 3rd Avenue	
10.	J. H. Ruffin, Jr.	1912 Savannah Road	PA 2-3078 724-0378
11.	L. B. Wallace	1129 Gwinnett	PA 2-4104
12.	R. L. Postell	1320 Twigg Street	PA 4-3942
13.	C. S. Hamilton	1224 Gwinnett Street Augusta, Georgia	724-8303
14.	Robert M. Crawford	1414 Wrights Boro Road	
15.	Mr. Rufus Sanders	1655 Luck Street	RE 3-7852
16.	Mrs. Topsy Eubanks	1321 Holly Street	
17.	J. D. Watkins	1007 - 9th	724-0378

ACTIVITIES, J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN GEORGIA STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE, STATE DIRECTOR, S. C. L. C. - APRIL 29, 1963

Began preparation for trip to Jacksonville, Georgia by seeking transportation. Rev. Bennette car in shop, mine needed repairs, new water pump, Mrs. Ellis out of town, brother's car not available, all S. C. L. C. cars otherwise engaged. Each of the above items had promise at first but when checked out left me with no alternative but to use my car in spite of its condition. By the time, 2:00 P. M. it was too late to make bus or plane connections.

Leaving Atlanta at 5:30 P. M., I arrived in Jacksonville at 9:45 P. M. and a church full of people waited at Mt. Dollerway A. M. E. Church, singing spirituals. A large portion of the audience consisted of young people and some children. It was a very enthusiastic gathering and they seemed to appreciate my appearance, especially the leaders, who seem to be working so hard to improve the community.

After some difficulty with the projector, I showed t e film: "Knock On Every Door," It was well received and we spent some time analyzing the activities of the characters. This was a good background for the theme of my talk on civic responsebility and the results which have been achieved thru political action such, the election of Senator Leroy Johnson and Georgia's Progess in Civil Rights. There were reports of 110 new registration applications and 5 Citizenship Schools being conducted by the team which went to Dorchester Academy last monhh, one of them with 42 adult pupils. Miss Graham, daughter of Mrs. Mary Jane Graham reported that she had two or three additions at each session.

Mr. E. C. Graham, the chairman asked about the wisdom of asking the Chief Registrar when he would act on the 110 applications. I advised him to do so and send a committee, rather than an individual and advise me of the redults.

After the meeting refreshments were served and I left at midnight, arriving in Atlanta at 4:30 A. M., Tuesday, ~~durin~~ driving thru a downpour of rain which required me to stop for about 15 minutes in Forsyth, Georgia.

REPORT OF J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN, STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE, GA. DIRECTOR, SCLC
NORTHEAST LEADERSHIP MEETING - ATLANTA ALL CITIZENS REGISTRATION COMMITTEE, [illegible]
[illegible]

May 2, 1963

The meeting was opened with singing of spirituals and J. H. Calhoun, presiding. Prayer was offered by Rev. H.H. Smith, president of the Atlanta Baptist Ministers Union. The purpose of the meeting was given as follows:

1. To organize a leadership group for the section between Decatur St. and Ponce De Leon Ave. and between Courtland St. and the Southern Railway Belt Line, temporary or permanent at the discretion of the group.

2. Ask each leader and pastor to organize a registration committee in his or her respective group to get 100% registration and help in other areas.

3. To establish sectional meetings and concentrate on the area the next day with necessary transportation.

4. Elect or select necessary permanent officers and committee chairmen.

5. Set up a section-wide rally for a Kick-Off with all agencies and churches cooperating.

The picture "Government is Your Business" was shown by Rev. Fred C. Bennette, director and an analysis discussion bringing out points of community inspiration and leadership responsibility. Mr. J. D. Sims, Mr. Samuel Shoats and Mrs. Christine Hunt took leadership in this discussion.

Mr. Jesse Hill, Co-Chairman of the All-Citizens Registration Committee suggested the following objective for the Northeast Section with the main office as headquarters, 236 Auburn Ave., N. E., Telephone 521-3920:

1. Selection of a date, time and place for a Kick-Off meeting for:

   a. Assignment of workers
   b. Naming of necessary committees

2. Each leader was asked to turn in a list of possible workers.

The suggestions of Mr. Hill were emphasized and the group agreed to accept them as a basis of their planning. In the discussion and planning that followed, Mr. Arthur Smith, Mrs. Christine Hunt and Mr. E. J. Shepherd, 6-I precinct leader took leadership. Mr. Smith outlined the organization of Grady Homes and emphasized their intention to promote registration. Mr. Shepherd, who is also president of the tenant association, spoke of the work in Grady Homes and the Citizenship School organized there. Mrs. Hunt called attention to the necessity for acceptance of responsibility when one assumes an office or committee chairmanship.

On motion of Mr. Ralph Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Hunt it was agreed to establish a temporary organization, to sponsor the Kick-Off meeting where permanent officers would be elected.

ALL CITIZENS REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

OUTLINE OF ACTIVITIES FOR NORTHEAST SECTION - MAY 2, 1963

I Temporary Steering Committee - May 9, 1963 - B. B. Beamons' Restaurant

A. Complete plans for Kick-Off meeting

1. Thursday, May 16, 8:00 P. M.
2. Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Rev. H. M. Smith, pastor
3. Outline of program

a. Singing - Spirituals
b. Introductory Remarks and Introduction, Rev. E. L. Thomas, Temporary Chairman
c. Minutes of May 2nd meeting
d. Showing of film: "Government is your Business."
e. Analysis and discussions
f. Remarks by committee officials
g. Report of the Nominating Committee
h. Election of Permanent Officers
i. Organization of Steering Committee
j. Plans for next step- Chairman
k. Reports from leaders on workers

B. Reports from Temporary Committees - Telephone - Mrs. Cassie Edwards
Church - Mrs. E. West
Transportation - Mr. Ralph Johnson
Nominating Com. - Mr. S. A. Sheats

II Nominating Committee - Sunday, May 5, 333 Pine St., N. E.

A. Name officers - Chairman
Vice Chairman for each section
Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Treasurer
Committee Chairman - Telephone
Church
Transportation
Publicity
Canvass
Finance
Steering

III ~~Kick-Off Meeting~~ Organization

A. Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

B. Thursday, May 17

C. 8:00 P. M.

PRESS RELEASE - ALL CITIZENS REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - MAY [illegible] 1963

Leaders of Northeast-Southeast Section met Thursday at B. B. Beamon's Restaurant and planned an all-out registration drive for the area.

Rev. E. L. Thomas, pastor of Little Friendship Missionary Baptist Church was selected as temporary chairman to serve until a permanent organization is established at a Kick-Off Rally, Thursday, May 9, at 6:00 P. M. in Sinai Baptist Church, corner of Pine Street and Fulton Drive, N. E., Rev. H. M. Smith, pastor.

This leadership group, inspired by group spiritual singing and a movie: "Government is Your Business," which is expected to be enlarged, will meet again Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 P. M. in B. B. Beamon's Restaurant. Other temporary officers selected were: Mrs. Christine Hunt, co-chairman, Ralph Johnson, secretary and committee chairmen: Church, Mrs. E. West; telephone, Mrs. Cassie Edwards and Mrs. Ella Martin; transportation, Ralph Johnson; nominating, Samuel A. Sheats and members: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sims, E. J. Shepherd, Mrs. E. West, Mrs. Cassie Edwards, Miss Pauline Robinson.

Jesse Hill, Co-Chairman of the All-Citizens Registration Committee, outlined suggestions for activities of the group, which calls for setting up registration committees in each church and organization, recruiting a sufficient number of canvassers to cover every block in the area and the holding of a kick-off rally for all organizations and workers. J. H. Calhoun, chairman of the Georgia Statewide Registration Committee and State Director for S. C. L. C. had charge of the meeting assisted by Rev. Fred C. Bennette, S. C. L. C. Field Secretary, who is directing the Atlanta Campaign under Mr. Hill and Dr. Beasts.

Activities of J. H. Calhoun, Chairman, Statewide Registration Committee - Ga. Director, S. C. L. C. - May 29, 1963

Conferred with Rev. J. M. Hinton of Rome on registration activities in Floyd County who reported that for the first time, Rev. Clarence Tuggle, District Chairman, is supervising organization of the entire county in accordance with the registration plan developed at the Rome Clinic. Three meetings have been held, culminating in a kick-off meeting, Sunday, May 26, with Mr. King of the Pilgrim Life Insurance Company and acting President of the N A A C P as speaker. The meetings were sponsored by the Floyd County Civic League, also headed by Rev. Tuggle.

Talked with Mrs. Ellis concerning work with Atlanta program; advised her to work with Rev. Bennette, especially in organizing her old precinct 3 - E since she is familiar with the leadership there. Talked with Miss Dora McDonald concerning conference with Dr. M. L. King, Jr. to clarify differences which have caused my salary payments to be withheld.

REPORT OF J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN, STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE AND GEORGIA DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION, SCLC - JUNE 12, 1963

Attended a dinner meeting of the All-Citizens Registration Committee at B. B. Beamon's Restaurant, in Atlanta, I was told about a Mr. Mack, principal of the high school in Tifton, Ga., who finished Morris Brown College and who is interested in citizenship, a situation I also discovered on a trip to Tifton.

After a short talk by Mr. H. J. Furlow, of D. T. Howard High School, concerning the high school registration, Mr. Hill outlined the results of registration to date:

1. High school registration, where shhools organized projects with clerical work being done by students in advance. Fine co-operation was given by the schools, as well as, the County Registrar.

2. Courthouse coverage has been effective in DeKalb County, as well as, Fulton. Some 50 students and 300 adults are estimated to have been registered in the DeKalb County section of Atlanta.

3. Plans for the future:

   a. Continued concentration on housing projects.
   b. Use of cards for individual registered voters in determining who is not registered.
   c. Neighborhood mass meetings in areas as we concentrate upon the five or six large sections.
   d. Possibility of have courthouse open at night.

Mrs. A. R. Hill, Messrs. J. R. Henderson and Arthur Smith spoke for the housing projects. Mr. W. H. Aiken reported that had more than 100 people who would work. Mr. Ralph Long expressed his support of the program and asked for support of the up-coming bond issue.

June 15, 1963
Atlanta, Georgia

The Executive Committee Evaluation Conference of the State-Wide Registration Committee on the above date, was opened with prayer by Rev. Andrew Young and the State Chairman J. H. Calhoun, presiding. The suggested agenda was adopted. It was motioned and seconded that a telegram be sent to Mrs. Medgar Evers, of Jackson, Miss., expressing our symphaty concerning the loss of her husband; it would be drafted and sent by Rev. Young.

The Secretary, Mrs. Ocelia Ellis, was absent so reading of the minutes was omitted.

Mr. J. H. Calhoun gave a report on the registration activities in the state. He gave the amount each reporting county had contributed, the organizations set-up and also problems concerning registration in these counties. There are 4,700 estimated Negro registered voters in the 18 counties that reports were received from. The chairman agreed to secure additional county reports and prepare a summary. Continuing remarks on the state-wide registration program, he stated that it was difficult to get district and county chairmen to send in reports on their activities.

Rev. Andrew Young made remarks concerning the number registered in proportion to the amount of money spent. Mr. Calhoun replied that the lack of funds curtails the chairmen from traveling in their districts and called attention to the fact that some 40 counties reported over 30,000 estimated new registrations last year, which was in good proportion to the $20,000 spent by all organizations, especially when so many of the active counties failed to report. He stated further that since 1957, motivation had come mostly from Citizenship Clinics, which had been improved with new techniques from time to time. There have never been sufficient funds to follow up the clinics, which contemplate this being done by district chairmen, with newly trained young field workers. There were many remarks on the registration program, especially concerning funds or lack of funds and ways to register more people.

Rev. Young raised a question as to whether outside staff workers could be more effective in motivation, the use of district leaders or a combination of both. From a discussion led by Mr. Lewis Wynn of Macon and Mr. G. C. Williams of Madison, it was the concensus of opinion that concentated district leadership, with some contact periodically from a state field staff would be an effective motivation program.

Rev. Young, Mr. Branton and Mr. Calhoun agreed to confer on plans and procedures to bring about more effective motivation and education at the county level.

It was agreed that the biggest problem is not money but motivation and education in the communities and counties. Opinions were given on ways in which people could be motivated.

Mr. Wiley Branton of the VEP commented on the advantages Georgia has over other southern states. He thinks, because of more employment for Negroes, we will see a change of trend, in which young people leave the South to go North seeking better conditions. With youth remaining in the South, we will have more to work with in increasing the amount of registration in the area. Mr. Jack Minnis, of VEP and Rev. Fred C. Bennette made remarks.

Rev. Young approved the use of committed funds for district chairmen's expenses in securing additional county reports.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

J. H. Calhoun, Chairman

Mary Montford, Acting Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

STAFFS OF THE

APPRAISAL CONFERENCE WITH SOUTHERN CHRISTAIN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

B. B. BEAMON'S RESTAURANT, ATLANTA, GA. JUNE 15, 1963

Suggested Agenda

I. Prayer
II. Luncheon
III. Adoption of Agenda
IV. Minutes of Last Meeting
V. Remarks - J. H. Calhoun, Chairman
Rev. Andrew Young, SCLC
Wiley Branton, VEP
VI. Reports - J. H. Calhoun, Chairman
District Chairmen - 1. Hosea Williams
2. Washington Virgil
3. Vernon Mitchell
4. Crogman Mullins
5. Dr. C. Clayton Powell
6. Rev. Van J. Malone
7. Rev. Clarence Tuggle
8. P. B. McCoy
9. J. W. Merritt
10. Mrs. Ruth Allen
VII. Discussion
VIII. Recommendations
IX. Other Business
X. Adjournment Mizpah

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

243 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. - ATLANTA, GEORGIA

September 26, 1963

FROM: J. H. Calhoun, Chairman
TO: All District Chairmen
SUBJECT: County Reports - Due October 10, 1963

It is important that we show what has been done in our counties, districts and the state at large, during 1963, as a basis for financing a program for 1964, which, as you know, is election year.

A president, vice president, one senator, 10 U. S. congressmen, state senators, state representatives and some county officers, like judges, solicitors, sheriffs and commissioners, will be elected. Futhermore, such matters as re-destricting, constitutional amemdments and other issues will be decided by voters and the influence of registered voters on public officials and condidates.

The largest possible number of registered voters in each county is absolutely essential if we are to secure the maximum amount of benefits from government, whether city, county, district, state or national. Being a Democrat or Republican is not important now; the job is to get people registered. We will need money; it is available but, we must show results, as well as potenitals.

If only a few people have been registered this year in a particular county, or if a large number has been put on the books let's have a report. Even if none has been registered and there is no active organization, let's have a report. Then we know where to work.

You will find enclosed a blank for each of the selected counties in your district, as shown by the attached list. Please contact a leader in each of them by letter, telephone or personal visit and secure the information requested. $25.00 will be allowed you for expenses, which should be submitted on the enclosed vouchers in triplicate . We will have a meeting of the entire committee on Saturday, October 26, in Macon, during the luncheon recess of the Georgia Voters League Annuan Meeting. We must have a report to submit to SCLC for approval before that date.

Consequently, if you cannot prepare this report for submission by October 10, kindly call me collect at 688-6062 or 799-8778.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
243 Auburn Avenue, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia AT 8-6069

October 15, 1963

Dear Fellow-Citizen:

It is hoped that you realize, as we do, the grave importance of immediate political action in Georgia, which can be effective only thru a large number of registered voters who can use the ballot properly.

To this end, please arrange to attend the Annual Meeting of the Statewide Registration Committee in 1st Baptist Church, New and High Streets, Macon, Ga., beginning at 9:00 A. M., Saturday, Oct. 26, 1963. In cooperation with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference staff, we will appraise, county by county, the needs for registering 100,000 new voters in 1964, the election year, thru studying Voter-Registration, citizenship training and their community effects.

You are needed, whether you have been active this year or not; your past interest gives us the confidence to call upon you as an adult or youth leader. You should also hear the 2:00 P. M. keynote address of Atlanta Life Actuary Jesse Hill, on the implications of the present 50,000 Negro registered voters in Atlanta and Fulton County.

Auto travel expense at 5¢ per mile, per car, round trip, plus the $1.00 luncheon, will be allowed delegations which include youth. Please seek the co-operation of your principals, teachers and PTA members in securing a good county representation.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Calhoun

J. H. CALHOUN, Chairman
Statewide Registration Committee

Fred C. Bennette

(Rev.) Fred C. Bennette, Field Secretary

TO: STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE, 243 AUBURN AVE., N. E., ATLANTA, GA.
____Adults and ____Youth from _____County will attend the Oct. 26 Meeting

NAME	ADDRESS	ADULT	YOUTH

Signed_____ Address_____ City_____

PRESS RELEASE - GEORGIA VOTERS LEAGUE - OCTOBER 16, 1963

Georgia political leaders, from the block and precinct level, to the state level, will assemble at the First Baptist Church, corner of New and High Streets, Macon, Georgia, on Saturday, October 26, 1963, for an annual consideration of politics, voter registration and citizenship training. Jesse Hill, Atlanta Life Insurance Company Actuary will be the keynote speaker for the day and memorial services will be held for the late Prince Hall Grand Master, John Wesley Dobbs, founder of the two sponsoring state groups.

The morning session, which begins at 9:00 A. M. with registration of adult and youth delegates, is sponsored by the Statewide Registration Committee in cooperation with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. A youth session and ten district workshops are scheduled, to ascertain a county by county appraisal of local organizations, adult and youth leadership, estimated voter-registration, voting potentials, as well as, the results of citizenship training, as a basis for the development of plans to increase the estimated registration total of Negroes, from approximately 200,000 to 300,000 over the state.

The keynote speaker, Mr. Hill, will appear on the afternoon program, which is the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Voters League. As Co-Chairman, along with Dr. C. A. Bacote, Atlanta University History Professor, of the Fulton County All Citizens Registration Committee, he has helped to coordinate the Atlanta leadership in registering a total of more than 50,000 Negro voters off-setting a legally required 3-year purge of over 3,000 inactive voters. He is also president of the weekly Atlanta Inquirer and has been very active in civic affairs, especially the YMCA, Urban League, NAACP, and other Civil Rights organizations.

Both state organizations will conduct their annual elections and consider plans, as well as, resolutions for 1964 which is a national, as well as, state legislative, election year, with many county officers to be filled also. Being in a one-party state, at that level, the Georgia Voters League is a bi-partisan organization, with J. H. Calhoun of Atlanta, a Republican and William P. Randall, of Macon, Democrat, co-chairman. Calhoun also serves as chairman of the Statewide Registration Committee and Georgia Director of Voter Registration for SCLC. Rev. Fred C. [illegible] of Atlanta and Hosea Williams, Savannah are Field Secretaries [illegible]

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

ANNUAL MEETING - MACON, GA. - OCTOBER 26, 1963

PROPOSED AGENDA

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9:00 AM - 9:30 AM - Registration - First Baptist Church

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM -Assembly - First Baptist Church

1. Prayer
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Minutes of the Last Meeting
4. Reports - Chairman

   Treasurer
5. Appointment of Committees:
   a. Resolutions
   b. Nominating

10:00 - 11:30 AM - Division into caucuses by Districts - First Baptist Church
Tremont Temple
Baptist Church

Preparation of County Reports - (15 Minutes)

Discussion of Reports - County by County (5 Minutes each)

Recommendations

11:30 - 12 00 Noon- Reassembly - Adults - Main Unit - Tremont Temple

1. Reports
2. Election of State Officers and Executive Committee

Youth - Lower Unit - Tremont Temple

1. "Pep" Session
2. Election of State Officers

12:00 - 12:30 PM - Joint Sesion - Youth and Adults - Tremont Temple
1. Youth Report
2. Resolutions
3. Adjournment - Mizpah

12:30 - 1:30 PM - Dinner - Meeting of the Executive Committee

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE- SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1963 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR _____ COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program established? Yes____ No____

   a. If so, under what name?_____

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

   ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS — NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

   _____ _____

   _____ _____

2. Address of Registration Headquarters,_____ City_____

   a. Other Headquarters if any _____ _____

   _____ _____

   b. Number of office workers_____ Voluntary_____ Paid_____

   c. Number of Convassers_____ Voluntary_____ Paid_____

   d. Name of director _____ Address_____

3. Dates of Campaigns - From _____1963 to_____1963

4. How was the campaign carried out?_____

   _____

   a. No of persons serving in committees: Steering_____ Convassing_____

   Telephone_____ Transportation or Car Pool_____ Baby Sitting_____

   Publicity_____ Other_____

5. Estimated county population_____ Negroes_____ Total Registration_____

6. Estimated Negro Registration_____ Registered in 1963_____ Potential_____

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   _____ _____

   _____ _____

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions,needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

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Citizenship Training_____

Signed_____ Address_____ City_____

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

MACON, GEORGIA - OCTOBER 26, 1963

The Statewide Registration Committee held its annual meeting at First Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia. Devotions were led by Mr. Calhoun, assisted by Mr. Pearlie Steele and youth from Clinch County. Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, Mrs. Ocelia Ellis and adopted. The house was opened for business, with a call for reports. Mr. Calhoun, the Chairman, reported first on Citizenship Clinics. Mr. Calhoun stated that the program called for appraisals from each county, to see how it is operating. He also stated that in 1964 we want to work in different ways to get one hundred thousands new voters. He then presented Rev. Andrew Young, who suggested ways of getting people together for registering and voting. He recommended honor rolls, records of those who have registered, posters, and advertising and by hard work in every county, "we shall over come." He also said if you are a Negro in Georgia you are a slave. We must get registering and voting into our souls so well that we can't even sleep at night. We must use meetings to stir up the county and get the people to register.

Mr. Calhoun thanked Rev. Young for such splendid remarks and continued to explain the voter registration appraisals. Each county was directed as to where to go for district caucuses and voter registration discussions.

The chairman appointed the following Resolutions Committee: Mrs. Pearlie Steele, Miss Rosa Lee Hodges, Otis Smith, Sam Sapp, Ella G. Ross, Cleo Love, Rev. Samuel A. Wells, Chairman. He also named a nominating committee composed of Mr. C. B. Marshall, Muskagee County, and Mr. Frank Jones Co-Chairmen; Patricia Holmes, Clinch County, Mary Montford, Bibb County, Mary J. Meriwheather, Clinch County, A. F. Cumming, Laurens County, Annie Ruth Granville, Houston County, and Frank Smith Lamar County. Each district was asked to send these persons to each training school for citizenship. The first one was announced for November 18th through 27th in Dorchester in Hinesville, Georgia. The assembly adjourned for district cacuses, to re-assemble in youth and adult sessions at 1:30 P. M.

2 Annual Meeting - Statewide 10/26/63

The youth delegates were led in a "pep" session and discussion of voter registration by Rev. Andrew Young of SCLC and his staff of Citizenship School workers. The adults reported to the re-convened session to hear reports and continue business. The reports were as follows:

District I Clarence Williams

II Solomon Nixon

III A. R. Hubbard

IV Warren Bush

V Otis R. Smith

VI Rev. W. B. Showers, who announced a District Meeting for Wednesday after the 3rd Sunday in February, 1964 at the St. Paul A. M. E. Church, 306 Roe St., Dublin.

VIII P. B. McCoy

Mrs. Septima Clark, of SCLC, gave a statement on training young people how to become good citizens by having them to register and vote. They can get training on how to help others by coming to Dorchester Academy in Hinesville, Ga. Mr. Calhoun asked each District Chairman to see to it the 3 persons be sent to Dorchester each month for training. A motion was made to this effect, seconded and carried.

Terrell County reported that they were put out of town and had no place to meet since the churches had burned; they have erected a tent, with Mr. Holiday as chairman and Miss Mary Jane Meriweather as secretary. A motion was made that each District Chairman call a mass meeting to raise funds, inasmuch as little money had been raised by the committee during the past two years. The motion was seconded and passed. The Third District promised to have a meeting before Christmas. Mr. Calhoun reported that the expenses for the year were $179.00 overdrawn. It was moved and seconded that S. C. L. C. be asked to clear up this deficit. The Resolution Committee made its report, It was adopted. Mrs. Rosa Lee Hodges asked that a check be made to see if a Money Order for $10.00 had been received from Worth County and properly credited. The check was from Mrs. Cherelle Williams

Mr. Charlie Williams, of Poulan. The Nominating Committee made its report recommending the following officers:

Chairman - J. H. Calhoun, 243 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta
Vice-Chairman - Wm. P. Randall, 845 Forsyth St., Macon
Secretary - Mrs. Ocelia Ellis, 1014 Margaret Place, NW, Atlanta
Asst. Secretary - Q. V. Williamson, 855 Hunter St., NW, Atlanta
Treas- C. R. Yates, 228 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta
Youth Advisor - T. M. Jackson, 120 College St., Macon

Youth Officers - Chairman - Miss Jessie Jackson, Rt. 1, Box 222, Warner Robbins
Vice Chairman - Miss Patricia Holmes, Rt. 1, Box 57, Homerville
Secretary - Miss Margaret Sik, 131 Senion St., Warner Robbins
Asst. Secretary - Miss Mary J. Meriweather, Star Route, Homerville
Chaplain - Ellis G. Rose, Rt. 1, Box 58, Homerville

Executive Committee - Bishop P. Randolph Shy, 2780 Collier Dr., NW, Atlanta
Rev. M. L. King, Sr., 413 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta
Rev. M. L. King, Jr., 334 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta
Rev. Ralph Abernathy, 334 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta
Rev. Wyatt T. Walker, 334 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta
Rev. Andrew H. Young, 334 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta
Lewis H. Wynn, 855 Clinton Road, Macon
Rev. D. L. Key, 1662 Pio Nona Ave., Macon
Slater H. King, P. O. Box 1641, Albany
Thomas C. Chatmon, 301 Highland Ave., Albany
G. C. Williams, P. O. Box 371 Madison
Mrs. Olivia Williams, P. O. Box 371, Madison
R. L. Turner, 305 Barney St., Madison
Rev. J. E. Ross, 913 Daniel St., Waycross
J. N. Adams, 991 Folks St., Waycross
E. E. Moore, 971 Tebeau St., Waycross
F. Smith, Rt. 3, Box 47, Barnesville
C. B. Marshall, 1244 9th St., Columbus
A. F. Cummings, Rt. 1, Dublin

The report was accepted and the persons named were declared elected. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

J. H. Calhoun, Chairman

Mrs. Ocelie Ellis, Secretary

Mrs. Mamie Smith, Acting Secretary

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - S. C. L. C., REPORT OF J. H. CALHOUN
GEORGIA DIRECTOR OF VOTER - REGISTRATION JUNE - OCTOBER, 1963

An Appraisal Conference on voter - registration was held by the Executive Committee of the Statewide Registration Committee on June 15, 1963 in B. B. Beamon's Restaurant, Atlanta, Ga., Rev. Andrew Young of SCLC and Wiley Branton of the VEP were present and after a discuccion of activities in the districts represented and a statistical summary of reported registration to date was presented. The following conclusions were reached:

1. The delegates preferred finanical support to district chairman for promotion of voter - registration in the several counties rather than special staff work in a few counties.

2. District Chairman are to visit counties on a $25.00 per week for travel expenses basis, to spendon registration activities and secure reports from them.

3. Motivation in the several districts and counties was agreed as the greatest need.

Visits were made to Athens, Columbus, Thomasville, Jacksonville, Madison, Gainesville, Augusta, Macon in the interest of voter - registration activities and all meetings of the leadership of the Atlanta All - Citizens Registration Committee were attended.

After October 1 efforts were concentrated on the Annual Meeting, although some time was spent in holping with Atlanta program, and visiting Athens, Gainesville, Rome, Greensboro, and Tallahasses, Fla. The trip to Tallahasses, was in connection with a trip we had arranged for a speaking engagement for Senator Leroy Johnson at a Summit Mass Rally of Civil Rights organizations at Florida A & M University. The leadership discussion meeting which followed the earlier mass meeting, was discussed by the Leon County, Florida leadership as the needed inspiration for renewal voter - registration.

Materials, notices and arrangements were made for the Annual Meeting of the Committee, which resulted in the largest attended in history. There were in attendance youth and adult delegates from the following 50 counties and in the 8 district workshops, county reports were made by representatives from 31 counties:

DIST.	COUNTY	COUNTY SEAT
I	Emanuel	Swainsboro
	Liberty	Hinesville
	Wheeler	Alamo
	Evans	Claxton
	Burke	Waynesboro
	Chatham	Savannah
	Tatnall	Reidsville
II	Baker	Newton
	Daugherty	Albany
	Colquitt	Moultrie
	Early	Blakely
	Thomas	Thomasville
	Tift	Tifton
III	Dodge	Eastman
	Houston	Perry
	Muskogee	Columbus
	Dooley	Vienna
	Marion	Buena Vista
	Sumter	Americus
	Terrell	Dawson
	Peach	Fort Valley
	Macon	Oglethorpe
IV	Lamar	Barnesville
	Meriweather	Greenville
	Upson	Thomaston
	Troup	La Grange
	Spalding	Griffin
	Pike	Zebulon
	Butts	Jackson
	Henry	McDonough

DIST.	COUNTY	COUNTY SEAT
V	Fulton	Atlanta
VI	Bibb	Macon
	Jones	Gray
	Jasper	Monticello
	Laurens	Dublin
	Putnam	Eatonton
	Wilkinson	Irwinton
VII	None	
VIII	Coffee	Douglas
	Telfair	McRae
	Ware	Waycross
	Clinch	Homerville
	Glynn	Brunswick
	Lowndes	Valdosta
	Cook	Adel
	Berrien	Nashville
X	Clarke	Athens
	Morgan	Madison
	Greene	Greensboro
	Richmond	Augusta
	Lincoln	Lincolnton

ACTIVITIES - APRIL - OCTOBER, 1963

ACTIVITIES OF CHAIRMAN, STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - GA. DIRECTOR, S. C. L. C. APRIL 3, 1963

Made telephone contact with Rev. Clarence Tuggle, Rome, Maynard Brown, Gainesville, Rev. R. B. Hawk, Athens, Virgil Washington, Thomasville, Charlie Darien, Conyers and attempted to reach LaGrange to secure latest estimates on registration and set up meetings. Talked with Mr. Wm. P. Randall, Macon, about the April 13th conference.

Held a conference with Rev. Mullins of Thomasville concerning the activities there; he agreed to work with Mr. Virgil in trying to arrange a meeting for next week. A youth group is working as a result of the clinic.

Worked on daily reports for March. Had a call from Tifton asking us to appear for a meeting Monday night at 8:00 P. M. Agreed to come and show movie. Discussed program with Rev. Andrew Young.

ACTIVITIES OF CHAIRMAN, STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - GA. DIRECTOR, S. C. L. C., APRIL 4, 1963

Completed daily and weekly reports for March, after despatching Rev. Bennette and Mrs. Ellis to Tallahassee.

Left for Tallahassee via plane, arriving at 3:45 P. M. Went over program with Mr. Samuel A. Hunter, coordinator of registration and found it to be well outlined. Rev. Bennette and Mrs. Ellis arrived later.

The meeting was held at the Episcapal Church with 13 persons present and presided over by Dr. James Hudson, president of the Non-Partisan Voters Crusade. Mrs. Ellis led group singing and Rev. Bennette showed the film: "Government is Your Our Business." After the film there was discussion of the important implications. Mr. Hunter distributed copies of the program, as well as, other materials .

After the meeting we held a dinner conference with Mr. Hunter and Rev. Alexander, formerly of West Hunter Baptist Church and made the following plans, supplementing the program:

1. Hold another meeting of representatives from organizations next week.
2. Schedule a meeting of workers for the following week.
3. Hold a mass meeting April 25 or May 5, whichever date might be convencent to have Atty. Leroy Johnson as speaker.
4. The check for $100.00 could not be delivered, because of incorrect name, but it would be mailed along with vouchers and instructions.

Remained over night and all three of us returned to Atlanta Friday morning by plane and auto.

ACTIVITIES OF CHAIRMAN, STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - GA. DIRECTOR, S. C. L. C., APRIL 5, 1963

Left Tallahassee 8:30 A. M., worked on report while travelling and arrived in Atlanta at 10:00 A. M.

Discussed Atlanta program with Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr. and advised him I could not attend the dinner meeting of the All-Citizen Registration Committee on April 9th.

Began making telephone contact with VEP counties to secure latest information on voter-registration. Worked on registration reports.

April 6 - Cont. - Had a call from Mr. L. S. Farwell, the Manager, who wanted to discuss the Hilton Inn situation and come to the office. He was disturbed about the conference on these grounds:

1. Although integration of all facilities was done voluntarily and was working smoothly, they had not anticipated a large group so soon.

2. Hapeville atmosphere is not condersive to integration.

3. He was out of the city when the reservation was made, and did not know it until April 4.

4. Recognizing my name, he called Mayor Allen to verify the fact that he had met me in hotel conferences. He did not discuss details with him, but Mayor Allen assured him that I would talk.

5. He was afraid the luncheon would hurt business, especially since other groups would probably want to do likewise.

6. He would like to postpone such an event until after other hotels desegregate.

I was very much interested and in sympathy with his concern over the implications. Having shown him copies of correspondence with persons invited: letter of invitation, agenda and names, I explained to him the whole statewide program. I asked a number of questions, then informed him that regretfully I considered it a serious problem for us for the following reasons:

1. Being committed to the principle of freedom, it would be bad policy to change the place and bring severe criticism.

2. We had given plenty of time for questions as to be raised, especially since, after a week the luncheon was postponed from April 6 to April 13 and verified.

After further exploration brought us no closer to a solution of his problem, I informed him that 40 years of activity had given me certain convictions, which have placed me in opposition to his idea. At the present time, however, such a decision would not be up to me alone. I agreed to take it up with our officials and, if feasible, arrange a conference for him. To this he agreed and I promised to call him by Monday of next week.

Made telephone contact with Washington, Griffin, Sumter, Decatur for latest registration figures. Completed report on registration figures for VEP counties.

REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES - J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN, STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - GA. DIRECTOR, SCLC, APRIL 7,1963

Outlined plans for the week, leading up to statewide conference:

Monday - Tifton-Dinner meeting at 7:30 P.M., Mt. Zion Baptist Church for ministers and leaders - Mr. Pertilla indicated there have been difficulties in securing church support.
1. Show movie: "Government is Your Business".
2. Talk on responsibility, youth, citizenship training and importance of ministerial leadership.

Albany - Try to get conference with Dr. W. G. Anderson, Slater King and Chatmon on the importance of April 13 conference.

Tuesday- Camilla - Visit William Carroll on Mitchell County program.
Columbus - Try to get there in time to meet with ministers - Dinner meeting with leaders to organize Vernon Mitchell program.

Wednesday - Atlanta - Reports, conferences, calls - Visit Hilton Inn.

Thursday - Americus - to check Sumter County activities. Talked with Sheriff Chappell - Sherrod.

Friday - Atlanta - Prepared for Saturday's conference.

Saturday - Statewide Conference of leadership.

Had a long telephone conversation with Mrs. Rosetta Williams. They plan no registration activities until after NAACP membership campaign, which will probably extend thru April. Assured her that Statewide and SCLC would continue to work with them even if NAACP conducted the campaign, indicating the importance of co-ordination.

Discussed Atlanta program with Jesse Hill and conferred with Rev. Bennette on Hilton Inn situation. He agreed that we cannot afford to move the conference mainly on the basis of principle. Since Rev. Young did not return to the city, he said he would discuss the matter with him by telephone, also with Dr. King and Rev. Abernathy, since a conference seemed impossible.

REPORT OF J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN, STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE AND VOTER - REGISTRATION, GA., DIRECTORS, S. C. L. C.
APRIL 13, 1963

Prepared materials for statewide meeting and contacted Bishop P. R. Shy, who agreed to conduct the Memorial Service for Mr. Dobbs at the meeting in the Masonic Temple, Atlanta. The delegations from Morgan and Ware Counties arrived early.

The meeting opened at 1:15 P. M., with delegations from Fulton, Hall, Morgan, Glynn - McIntosh, and Ware Counties. Memorial services were conducted as follows:

Bishop P. Randolph Shy, Presiding
Singing - "This Little Light of Mine"
Prayer - Rev. J. F. Mann
Singing - "Walk in Jerusalem" (Paraphrased)
Remarks - P. B. McCoy
Singing - "John Dobbs We Love You" (Tune: "Jesus I Love You")
Singing led by Mrs. Willie Mae Richardson and Mrs. Ocelia Ellis (Mrs. Richardson composed words to the two last songs)

Bishop Shy introduced me for remarks, welcoming the delegations, outlining the implementation of the luncheon meeting at the Hilton Inn "Cherokee Room" and introducting Mrs. Edwina Smith, as secretary to Rev. Andrew Young, representing the Citizenship Training Program of S. C. L. C. After presentation of Mrs. Smith, the conference adjourned with the "Mizpah," to attend the luncheon session at the Hilton Inn.

While the luncheon was being prepared for serving, Rev. Mann offered Grace. Mr. Calhoun introduced Mrs. Ellis, secretary, for a report on the Nine District Citizenship Clinics: Copy attached:

				Attendance		
Date	Place	Dist.	County	Adults	Youth	Total
Jan. 26	Valdosta	VIII	9	39	29	68
Feb. 2	Columbus	III	3	27	21	48
9	La Grange	IV	3	37	4	41
16	Athens	IX,X	7	40	25	65
23	Atlanta	V	3	30	35	65
Mar. 2	Thomasville	II	6	30	13	43
9	Rome	VII	4	31	4	35
16	Savannah	I	14	67	51	118
23	Macon	VI	28	146	105	251
		9	77	447	287	734
			59			

No. of different counties

In his report Mr. Calhoun, the chairman, presented a summary of accomplishments, suggested budgets and proposals on 68 selected counties outside the 1st District, which have participated in clinics or activities during 1962 and 1963, where prospects are good for concentration during the rest of this year. (See attached copy). He spoke of the importance of coordination, organization and citizenship training in the program. He also presented a report on the 13 Voter Education Project counties where hope to concentrate for the next three months. (See attached report.) He announced that all of these counties except Mitchell, were represented at clinics but a trip to that county by Rev. Bennette and Mrs. Ellis revealed that the committee is already active. There was considerable discussion during the question period.

Delegations from each district were called upon for reports and observations:

Leroy Wilson reported that they are, as the Southeast Crusade for Voters:

First District - well organized under Mr. Hosea Williams - Over 2,000 registered in Chatham County, 7 counties are active in the Southeast Crusade and how citizenship training has helped for voters. (Mr. Williams had already reported 11 counties active.)

Second District - Slater King, Albany, stated he is disappointed by results in Albany; the racist daily newspaper is a great handicap. Middle class Negroes need challenging. It is difficult to get registration while civil rights action is in progress but they have registered as high as 300 per month thru the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Rev. Samuel Wells. He stressed the importance of citizenship training and its effectiveness in getting registration.

Thos C. Chatman, Albany, apologized for failure to attend previous meetings. They will see to it the delegations from Albany will be present at all future meetings. He urged unity among the leadership, which has not been effective. His campaign for City Commissioner has been an inspiration. He promised to help the District Chairman. In Thomasville 300 people registered, in Ocilla 95 registered as a result of inspiration from his TV appearances. Running for office gives encouragement to all Negroes, especially to young people. They did not know a Negro could run for office and appear on TV. He had run for the Albany City Council.

Fifth District - Dr. C. Clayton Powell, Atlanta indicated the need for more work in DeKalb and Rockdale Counties. The All Citizens Registration Committee, headed by Mr. Jesse Hill and Dr. C. A. Bacote, is active and planning to enlist workers in 5 counties of the Metropolitan are of Atlanta. He reported on how the purge list of 3500 Negro names and cards were secured from the Registrer and used to restore at least 1200 names to the registration list. He also reported on the success with courthouse coverage. The goal for this year is to reach 50,000 for Fulton County.

Franklin O'Neal, spoke in regard to organization or affialiation of business leagues. Mr. Calhoun referred to the fact that 5 Citizenship training classes had been started in Grady Homes.

Sixth District - Wm. P. Randall, spoke for the representatives in regard to integration of the courthouse, parks, swimming pools and approaches to public schools as inspiration to voter - registration. He observed that civil rights action has helped registration, in Bibb County, but Citizenship training is needed. Rev. J. L. Key spoke on employment as being successful by getting merchants to see the wisdom of the program. Merchants are contacted first, then send someone to apply. In cases of refusal the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association helped. He cited how disturbances arose after parks were integrated. Success was due to Mayor Ed Wilson. Employment of Negroes was done from lay away clerks to floor managers; all of this spurs registration.

8th District - Mr. P. B. McCoy, stated they have not been as successful as they should because of lack of finances. In Ware County during Easter holidays, students are out working to get a start for next week. Mrs. Willie Mae Richardson worked with car pools on restoring those purged from the registration list and new registrations. They are working in Clinch, Atkinson, Appling and especially, Telfair Counties, where citizenship schools have been established. He recommened that program for all counties.

Rev. J. F. Mann, reported that the Thiocal Chemical Co., is ready to employ Negroes. Jekyll Island is to give 2 more miles with other

facilities for Negroes. These achievements have been a part of the overall program of citizenship in Glynn County. He did not like the idea of his county not being included in the overall budget estimate and submitted a report form for the county. It was explained that the omission was due reports that NAACP was making an allottment to Glynn County. Rev. Mann indicated he had heard reports but no money had been received. He also stressed the need for citizenship training.

The Committee went on record as approving the suggested budget and program presented by the chairman and recommended it to S. C. L. C. The chairman called for nominations to the committee for 1963. The following persons were nominated and elected:

To the Executive Committee	
Bishop P. Randolph Shy,	Atlanta
Rev. M. L. King, Sr.	"
Dr. M. L. King, Jr.	"
Rev. Ralph Abernathy	"
Rev. Andrew Young	"
Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker	"
Jesse Hill, Jr.	"
Albert Billingsles,	Macon
Lewis H. Wynne	"
Rev. J. L. Key	
Slater King,	Albany
Thos. C. Chatman	"
G. C. Williams,	Madison
Mrs. Olvia Williams	"
R. L. Turner	"
Rev. J. E. Ross,	Waycross
J. N. Adams	"
E. E. Moore, Sr.	"
C. A. Scott,	Atlanta

Rev. Fred C. Bennette, Atlanta, Field Secretary.
J. H. Merritt, Gainesville, Chairman, 9th District

The Manager of the Hilton Inn, Mr. L. S. Farwell was presented to the group. Rev. Mann extended expressions of appreciation for the hospitality and service. Mr. Farwell responded with a welcome to the use of Hilton Inn facilities and appreciation for our cooperation. It was agreed that an appropriate telegram be sent to Dr. M. L. King, Jr., Revs. Abernathy, Shutterworth and others in teh Birmingham, Ala. jail. Representation from the Districts was as follows:

Dist.	Names	Addresses

(list - Mrs. Ellis)

Returned to the office at 6:00 P. M., worked on reports and prepared a press release on the meeting for the Atlanta World. Talked with Rev. Bennette several times and Mr. Yates about the success of the meeting. Had a Special Delivery from Mr. Sam Weston announcing a meeting to be held in Americus for next Thursday and urging my presence.

REPRESENTATION IN THE OCTOBER 1963 MEETING

OF THE

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

CITIZENSHIP CLINIC

November 4, 1963

COUNTY	NUMBER OF YOUTH PRESENT	NUMBER OF ADULTS
First Congressional District		
Burke	2	2
Chatham	4	3
Emanuel		2
Liberty		1
Tatnall		4
Wheeler	2	4
Evans	1	
Second Congressional District		
Colquitt	2	1
Dougherty	19	2
Tift	3	2
Early	4	2
Third Congressional District		
Dooly	8	13
Houston	8	4
Muscogee	1	11
Peach	1	4
Sumter	1	1
Terrell	3	3
Marion		1
Fourth Congressional District		
Meriwether		1
Lamar		1
Pike	7	3
Upson	2	1
Troupe		1

Representation in the October 1963 Meeting
of the
Statewide Registration Committee
Citizenship Clinic
November 4, 1963

COUNTY	NUMBER OF YOUTH PRESENT	NUMBER OF ADULTS
Fifth Congressional District		
Fulton	4	8
Henry		1
Sixth Congressional District		
Bibb	5	3
Jasper	5	5
Jones		2
Leurens	2	6
Putman		1
Eighth Congressional District		
Berrien	4	4
Clinch	5	2
Coffee	12	5
Cook		
Talfair	15	9
Ware	2	4
Tenth Congressional District		
Clark	4	3
Greene		1
Lincoln		3
Morgan	11	7
Richmon	3	1
Total (s)	140	132

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Joint Meeting of the 7th District Statewide Registration Committee

and the Georgia Voters League - Rome, Georgia - November 18, 1963

Rev. Clarence Tuggle and Robert Parks, Presiding

This conference served as a kind of joint meeting for organization of the 7th District of the Georgia Voters League and reports on voter registration. All counties, except Whitfield, reported organized action and the delegation requested help, which was promised. For Floyd County, Mr. Andrew King, acting NAACP president, reported that the Floyd County Civic League had been very successful in working with churches, by communities thruout the county and using Church Honor Rolls. Mr. G. W. Bell reported $10.00 for Whitfield County, which was turned over to Rev. Tuggle. A collection was taken for the Georgia Voters League and turned over to the treasurer, Mr. C. H. Hunt. Officers of the 7th Congressional District, Georgia Voters League, were elected.

Persons Present

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Robert Parks	523 Jons Street, Cedartown	748-3528
B. H. Hunt	527 Oothcalooga, Calhoun	
Mrs. Walter L. Miller	105 Tarver Street, Dalton	278-1742
Mr. G. W. Bell	806 Croy Drive, Dalton	278-8893
Mrs. Mary C. Parks	Dalton	
Mrs. Mozelle Ray	504 N. Glenwood Avenue, Dalton	278-1895
Mrs. Rubye L. Settle	824 Blue Ridge Street, Dalton	278-7983 278-3557
Andrew King	407 A Wilson Avenu e, Rome	
Harvey Beal	204 Porter Street, Rome	234-4627
Mrs. Addre L. Baker	619 Railroad Street, Dalton	
Rev. J. L. Vaughn	Rome	232-3170
Rev. Clarence Tuggle	6 Gibbon Street, Rome	234-5782
Walter Poindexter	10 Gibbon Street, Rome	232-2394
J. H. Calhoun	243 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta	Mu8-6062
H. E. Canty	306 N. Barton Street, Cartersville	Ev2-5891

Officers Elected - Georgia Voters League

District Chairman - Mrs. R. L. Settle
Vice Chairman - Mr. G. W. Bell
Secretary - Mrs. Mary E. Parks
Asst. Secretary - Andrew King
Treasurer - C. H. Hunt
Chaplain - Rev. Clarence Tuggle

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REPORTS OF

J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN, STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE AND GEORGIA DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 1 - 30, 1963

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REPORT OF J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN, STATEWIDE REGISTRATION

COMMITTEE AND GEORGIA DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION, S. C. L. C.
NOVEMBER 1 - 30, 1963

Immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Statewide Registration Committee in Macon, on October 26, 1963, plans were made for coordinating efforts for 1964. Attached is a summary on Voter Registration for 1963 as complied from county reports at the Annual Meeting by Mr. R. T. Blackwell, of the Voter Education Project.

It will be noted that estimated registration in the 28 counties reporting totaled 16,990, with several counties having known registration campaigns not included, such as Colquitt, Richmond, Tift and Liberty, Efforts will be made to secure these totals. Several additional reports have been received since the meeting:

District	County	Organization	1963 Registration
II	Worth	Worth Co. Citizens Committee	15
VII	Floyd	Floyd Co. Civic League	400
	Gordon	Gordon County Civic Club	16
	Polk	Polk County Voters League	300
	Whitfield	None (Need one; ask for help)	100
TOTAL			830
PREVIOUS TOTAL			16,990
1963 Estimates for 32 Counties			17,820

Not all of the delegations attending the October 26, 1963 meeting in Macon are included, inasmuch as, registration closed at noon and a number of delegates arrived later. It is to be noted, however, that of the 36 counties reporting there and the 5 listed above, for a total of 41 counties, 34 of them have organized sponsorship for voter registration. This was practically unknown prior to 1956 when the Citizenship Clinic program was inaugurated, except in the larger cities. Notable examples of resulting organized activity have been Clinch, Dougherty, Emanuel, Greene, Henry, Houston, Muskogee, Morgan, Tatnall, Tift and Terrell Counties. Several clinics have been held in Albany (Dougherty) and Columbus (Muskogee) Counties over the years; even Chatham and Bibb Counties, which have now become independent, expanded operations, gained much of their inspiration from Citizenship Clinics conducted in Savannah and Macon.

It is apparent, however, that most of the organizations lack grass roots participation and recommendations will be made for 1964 to bring about some combination, on a statewide basis, of citizenship and organizational training, as well as, promotion, after reports from additional counties have been analyzed. Telfair County is a good example of how citizenship training has helped voter registration.

The program for the remainder of 1963 contemplates securing reports from the 56 remaining counties, with which the Statewide Registration Committee has been in contact. The attached list shows the names of those counties, all of which are outside the 1st Congressional District. The estimated cost of this work is:

Travel - 2000 miles @ 7¢	$140.00
Per Diem - 15 days @ $30.00	$450.00
Other expenses, clerical, etc.	$ 50.00
	$640.00

With reports from most of these counties in hand we should be able to project the 1963 program somewhat along the following lines:

I January 1 - February 15

A. Contacting selected counties

1. With established organizations for registration
2. Where the potential and leadership warrant organization
3. Preparing for drives with staff in certain counties.

II February 14 - 15 to April 17 - 18

A. Two-day Citizenship Clinics in at least 10 areas or Congressional Districts.

B. Friday - Selected youth and young adult leadership training in organization for voter-registration and citizenship schools - All expenses paid to and from the clinic.

C. Saturday - Workships on cavassing and registration techniques.

III Recruiting at least 3 persons every month from each district to attend the Citizenship School at Dorchester Academy

IV Use of registration teams and field secretaries to organize and promote the selected concentrated drives.

V Establish a system of awards

A. Church honor rolls
B. Business and office cards or stickers for 100% registration of workers, staff or membership
C. Citizenship Awards

1. Outstanding individuals
2. Outstanding organizations
3. Outstanding counties

VI Public relations

A. Letters to individual ministers and leaders - Statewide

B. Staff representation at all state and regional meetings to encourage participation in registration and solicit volunteers.

C. Weekly news releases on activities from reports from volunteer, as well as paid workers.

D. Use of public service time on radio and television - Statewide

E. District mass meetings with outstanding speakers.

F. Coordination with activities of state and regional organizations:

A. Georgia Voters League
B. Georgia Association of Democratic Clubs
C. Georgia Teachers and Education Association
D. Church conferences and state meetings

A district meeting was organized and conducted in Rome on November 18 with representation from 5 counties of the 7th Congressional District:

Floyd, Polk, Gordon, Whitfield and Bartow. All of these counties have organizations to promote voter-registration, except Whitfield; the delegates asked for assistance, which will be arranged as soon as possible. In the meantime, I have been asked to deliver an Emancipation Day address in Cedartown, Polk County, on January 1, 1964. This occasion will be used to advance activities there as much as possible.

Among the activities for December will be a meeting in the 4th Congressional District, which was discussed with several leaders at the New Era Baptist Convention in Griffin on November 14.

There are also being submitted reports on previous activities, which had been prepared but not submitted: April - October, 1963.

SUGGESTED COUNTIES TO BE CONTACTED

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

LIST OF GEORGIA COUNTIES BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

DISTRICT		COUNTY	COUNTY SEAT
II		Brooks	Quitman
		Colquitt	Moultrie
		Decatur	Bainbridge
	X	Daugherty	Albany
		Early	Blakely
		Grayd	Cairo
		Mitchell	Camilla
		Thomas	Thomasville
	X	Tift	Tifton
		Worth	Sylvester (8)
III		Ben Hill	Fitzgerald
		Crisp	Cordele
		Dodge	Eastman
		Dooly	Vienna
	X	Houston	Perry
		Macon	Oglethorpe
		Marion	Buena Vista
	X	Muscogee	Columbus
		Peach	Ft. Valley
		Pulaski	Hawkinsville
		Randolph	Cuthbert
		Sumter	Americus
	X	Terrell	Dawson (10)
IV		Butts	Jackson
		Carroll	Carrollton
		Heard	Franklin
	X	Lamar	Barnesville
		Meriweather	Greenville
	X	Pike	Zebulon
		Spaulding	Griffin
		Troup	La Grange
	X	Upson	Thomaston (6)
V		Dekalb	Decatur
	X	Fulton	Atlanta
		Rockdale	Conyers (2)

DISTRICT		COUNTY	COUNTY SEAT
VI		Baldwin	Milledgeville
	X	Bibb	Macon
		Crawford	Knoxville
		Hancock	Sparta
	X	Jasper	Monticello
		Jefferson	Louisville
		Johnson	Wrightsville
	X	Jones	Gray
	X	Laurens	Dublin
		Putnam	Eatonton
		Washington	Sandersville
		Wilkinson	Irwinton (8)
VII		Bartow	Cartersville
		Cobb	Marietta
	X	Floyd	Rome
	X	Gordon	Calhoun
	X	Polk	Cedartown
	X	Whitfield	Dalton
VIII		Atkinson	Pearson
	X	Berrien	Nashville
		Brantley	Na hunta
		Camden	Woodbine
	X	Clinch	Homerville
		Coffee	Douglas
	X	Cook	Adel
		Glynn	Brunswick
		Irwin	Ocilla
		Jeff Davis	Hazelhurst
		Lanier	Lakeland
		Lowndes	Valdosta
		Pierce	Blackshear
	X	Telfair	McRae
	X	Ware	Waycross
		Wayne	Jesup (11)
IX		Gwinnett	Lawrenceville
		Hall	Gainesville
		Jackson	Jefferson (4)
		Stephens	Toccoa
	X	X Clarke	Athens
		X Greene	Greensboro
		X Morgan	Madison
		Oglethorpe	Lexington
		Richmond	Augusta
		Taliaferro	Crowfordsville
		Walton	Monroe (5)
		Wilkes	Washington

1st District counties reporting but not listed	6
X Other counties reporting registration	25
	31
Counties to be contacted for reports	56
	87

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
243 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. - ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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April 22, 1964

MEMORANDUM

APR 23 1964

FROM: J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN, STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
GEORGIA DIRECTOR, VOTER REGISTRARION, SCLC

TO: REV. AND REM YOUNG, DIRECTOR CITIZENSHIP TRAINING AND VOTER REGISTRATION, SCLC
WILEY BRANTON, DIRECTOR, VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

SUBJECT: REPORT ON ACTIVITIES - SECOK D U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

You will find attached reports from Messrs. Thomas Chatmon and J. H. Roberson, chairman and co-chairman, respectively of the Second U. S. Congressional District, Statewide Registration Committee.

Mr. Robinson's voucher for $13.70 is also attached and Mr. Chatmon has been asked to submit vouchers covering his travel expense.

All district chairmen and vice-chairmen have now been sent blanks for individual county reports as well as for expenses.

243 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia
April 4, 1964

FROM: J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

TO: DISTRICT OFFICERS

SUBJECT: 1964 GEORGIA VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

Your attention is invited to the following matters in regard to voter-registration:

1. Less than one month remains for 1964 registration for county, state and national elections. The books close on May 2, 1964; if county is not organized, give block parties.

2. Each district chairman is allowed $200.00 for travel expenses to visit counties represented at clinics and others where registration campaigns can be carried out.

3. We would like to have the following.

   a. Weekly reports on counties visited.
   b. Weekly expense vouchers showing places visited.

It is suggested that you have a meeting of the district executive committee immediately to find out what is being done and to adopt plans for action now. I will be glad to attend or have someone to attend every meeting that is called. Please let me hear from each of you by return mail in regard to these requests. Please list on the form below, any suggestions you think will help, also what you think of block parties.

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Report of the 2nd U. S. Congressional District

TO: THE STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
243 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E., ATLANTA, GA.

Voter-registration meetings have been held as follows:

COUNTY WHERE MEETING HELD	DATE	ESTIMATED NO. PRESENT	REGISTERED 1964 - EST.	COUNTY WHERE HELD	DATE	ESTIMATED NO. PRES.	REGISTERED 1964-EST.
Themasville	4/15/64	125	75	Themas			
Albany, Ga.	4/13/64	150	135	Daugherty			
Moultrie	4/14/64	40	35	Colquitt			
Doeran	4/17/64	60	10	Colquitt			
Tifton	4/19/64						

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS Most of time has been spent trying to get group organized at Colquitt County. Visit was made to Albany Mass Meeting which is organising Themasville. Will be visited next week I will try to cover as many counties as possible. Which will include: Tift, Brooks, Thomas, Mitchell and Burke Counties. We ask the Executive Committee to meet in Early County as soon as a date can be arranged by A. R. Hubbart, Blakeley, Ga. Colquitt County Voters and Civic League will have a car pool and house to house canvass this week. Through the next two weeks our goal is 200 by 5/2/64 30 has been registered. With no organized efford the past 2 weeks. We trust to have a much more effective report in Macon on April 25.

(Use reverse side if needed for additional reports and remarks)

Signed J. H. Roberson Address 506 1st Avenue, NW City Moultrie

Telephone No. 985-6223 County Colquitt Organization

(Over Please)

P. S. Tift County Drive for Voters 15 Active. I did not attend a meeting only report from worker Mr. Hinson, undertaker, states 300 has registered since last election 1963.

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Atlanta, Georgia
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Crisp	4/15/64	29		Decatur	4/13/64	38	
Randolph	4/12/64	300					
Tift	4/7/64	19					
Thomas	4/8/64	27					
Brooks	4/9/64	18					

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS These meetings were held with the people who are actually working. In Randolph County I was fortunate enough to speak to a church gathering on Sunday. The people are registering daily but I was unable to get any figures on the exact number registered. All these counties will be visited again before May 2, we have put Atty. C. B. King in the Second Congressional race with the hope that this will stimulate voter registration. By the time you get this report I will have hit most of the counties in my district. I have a young man from Tifton, Ga., helping me Mr. Major Wright. If you will see that the $200.00 expense money is forwarded at once I am sure it willbe of great help in taking care of some of these expenses. I will submit a full report to your office by the 4th of May. Thanks and I expect to see you soon.

(Use reverse side if needed for additional reports and remarks)

Signed Thomas Chatman Address 301 Highland City Albany

Telephone No. HE 5-4647 County Daugherty Organization Daugherty County Crusade for Voters

MINUTES OF THE [illegible]I-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STATEW[illegible] REGISTRATION

COMMITTEE - MACON, GEORGIA - APRIL 25, 1964

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The Statewide Registration Committee held it's Annual Meeting at the First Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia on the above date. Devotions were led by Rev. Samuel Wells, assisted by Mr. Hosea Williams and the youth group of Albany, Ga.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Miss Laverne Graham who was appointed as acting secretary, and adopted. Mr. J. H. Calhoun presided and presented the District Chairmen.

The adoption of an agenda was the next order of business. Remarks were made by Mr. Hosea E. Williams, of Savannah, who presented Rev. Andrew Young, SCLC Director of Citizenship Education and Voter-Registration. His discussion was concerned with youth entering into voter education.

Ways of planning for block parties in voter registration as individuals, were explained by Mr. Calhoun as a part of a crash program to close May 2, 1964. This program was approved along with the John Wesley Dobbs Memorial Awards for the outstanding worker and county for 1964. Plans for each district chairman to follow were also explained for the District Workshops - Assembly by Districts was initiated, with passing out blanks for applications for participation in the Crash Program by individual delegates. Each district heard county reports, received written summary reports and individual applications for the crash program.

The reassembly session opened with a song led by Rev. Andrew Young: "Which Side Or You On;" remarks were made by Mr. Calhoun.

Reports were heard from each District showing the estimated number of Negroes registered and entrants for the Crash Program.

First District -	Chatham	20,000	
	Emanuel	2,198	
	Burke	2,100	
	Laurens	2,800	
		27,098	Total registered

25 applied to work in the Crash Program.

Second District -	Baker	600
	Colquitt	1,104
	Daugherty	5,500
Total		7,204

14 applicants to work in the Crash Program.
It was brought out that Mr. C. B. King of Albany is running for Congressman for the Second U. S. Congressional District.

Third District -	Dooly	1,500
	Macon	600
	Muscogee	8,000
	Sumpter	1,200
	Lee	285
	Peach	2,408
Total		13,993

19 applied to work in the Crash Program.

Fourth District

This is a new district and figures were not available for DeKalb and Rockdale Counties.

1 applied for the Crash Program.

Fifth District

Canvassing and Mass Meeting on the West Side were carried out by the Ebonites, under direction of Mrs. Irma Williams. There has been neighborhood registration in 6 Negro high schools with 94 Deputy Registrars. About 10,000 have been registered this year.

Fulton County 60,000

Deputy Registrars sworn in were Negroes who registered at white and Negro High Schools.

Sixth District -	Butts	1,300
	Spalding	1,800
	Bibb	14,000
	Meriwether	600
	Lamar	964
	Pike	600
	Jones	1,100
	Crawford	550
Total		20,914

16 applied for the Crash Program.

Eighth District -	Glinch	617
	Ware	3,200
	Jeff Davis	150
	Telfair	910
	Glynn	5,400
Total		10,277

22 applied for Crash Program.

Tenth District - A Resolution was adopted at the 10th District Meeting asking that a sticker be placed on the car of every voter: "I Am A Registered Voter, Are You?"

15 applied for the Crash Program.

	Green	2,700
	Wilkes	450
	Washington	3,150
	Taliaferro	845
	Jasper	2,800
	Jefferson	1,000
Total		8,945

The following ways and means committee was appointed to draw up resolutions and serve as a committee for the John Wesley Dobbs Memorial Committee:

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

DIST. I	Miss Phyllis King, Emanuel 312 Oliphant Street Swainsboro, Ga. PH: BE 7-8648	Mr. Leroy Wilson, Chatham 1011 Richard Street Savannah, Ga. AD 4-7932
II	Mr. J. H. Roberson, Colquitt 506 First Avenue, N. W. Moultrie, Ga.	Mr. Julian Felton, Colquitt 236 First Street, N. W. Moultrie, Ga.
III	Mrs. Lucille Kendrix, Dooly Post Office Box 203 Unadilla, Ga.	Mr. Henry Holt, Dooly Route 3 Vienna, Ga.
IV	Mrs. M. Campbell, Fulton 150 Bell Street, S. E., Apt. 315 Atlanta, Ga.	Miss Precilla Bernard, Fulton 187 Atlanta Avenue, S. E. Atlanta, Ga.
V	Mrs. Ivan Williams, Fulton 660 Greenafery Avenue, S. W. Atlanta, Ga.	Miss Dorothy Huff, Fulton 181 Elm Street., Apt. 21 Atlanta, Ga.
VI	Miss Clee Love, Bibb 327 Monroe Street Macon, Ga.	Mr. Phillip Hood, Spalding 426 Jefferson Street Griffin, Ga.
VIII	Mr. L. S. Glencamp, Clinch Homerville High & Elementary School Homerville, Ga.	Miss Ronnie Smith, Ware 730 Butler Waycross, Ga.
X	Mr. Paul J. Davis, Richmond 1317 Perry Avenue Augusta, Ga.	Mr. Floyd Bowman, Greene Route 2, Box 85 Union Point, Ga.

The session was then recessed for dinner. During that period Rev. Daniel Harrell led a discussion on "Getting Out The Vote," on the basis of material which had been issued. Mr. Calhoun summarized the discussion with the conclusion that no longer should we ask how to get the vote. The material issued and explained gives the answer, he insisted.

The Ways and Means Committee, serving as a Resolutions Committee, with the following officers: Mrs. Campbell, Chairman
Miss Ronnie Smith, Secretary
Mr. Phillip Hood, Co-chairman, made a report.

"The ways and means committee of the Statewide Registration Meeting on the date of April 25, 1964 at the 1st Baptist Church of Macon, Ga., submits the following resolutions:

Semi-Annual Meeting, Macon, Ga. (Cont. page 4)

1. The organizations, SCLC and Voter Education Project: to these two organizations we express appreciation for the spiritual, moral and financial support to the program of voter-registration.

2. We are planning to go all out to get more people registered than we have ever before."

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Mr. J. H. Calhoun and Benediction by Rev. Samuel Wells.

J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN

LA VERNE GRAHAM, ACTING SECRETARY

PERSONS ATTENDING THE SEMI-[illegible]AL MEETING OF THE STATEWIDE R[illegible]STRATION COMMITTEE

MACON, GEORGIA - APRIL 25, 1964

COUNTY	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE
Bibb	Mr. Arthur L. Loyd (A)	Essex Courts	Macon, Ga.
	Miss Mary Montford (Y)	Rt. 1 Riverside Dr.	Macon, Ga.
	Mr. Robert Walker (Y)	2485 Roffhome Lane	Macon, Ga.
Butts	Mr. Archie G. Ross (A)	Route 1, Box 22	Flovilla, Ga.
	Miss Shirley Ross (Y)	Route 1, Box 22	Flovilla, Ga.
Baker	Mr. Walter Miller (A)	Rt. 2, Box 133	Newton, Ga.
	Mr. L. N. Hall (A)	Rt. 2, Box 84	Newton, Ga.
	Mr. Benjamin King (A)	Rt. 1, Box 73	Unidilla, Ga.
Burke	Mr. Joe L. Crawford (A)	P. O. Box 97	Midville, Ga.
Chatham	Mr. Willie Bowman (A)	903 S. Jefferson	Savannah, Ga.
	Mrs. Deretha K. Wells (A)	1018 Cubbage St.	Savannah, Ga.
	Mrs. Mary Wilson (A)	1011 Richard St.	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Leroy Wilson (A)	1011 Richard St.	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. G. H. Brooks (A)	Savannah State Collage	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Jimmie Wells (Y)	1018 Cubbage St.	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Willie Judson (A)	522 W. 35th	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Eric Peterson (A)	312 E. Liberty	Savannah, Ga.
	Miss L. Cohen (A)	1444 Eleanor St.	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Warren Hamilton (Y)	1520 Elner St.	Savannah, Ga.
	Miss Barbara Williams (Y)	3115 Gilbert St.	Savannah, Ga.
	Miss Laverne Graham (Y)	604 W. 47th	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Donald Wilson (Y)	1011 Richard St.	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Henry Brown Lee (Y)	511 West Belton	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. Lester Hankersen (A)	512 W. 35th St.	Savannah, Ga.
	Miss Carleyn Roberts (Y)	1317 Augusta Ave.	Savannah, Ga.
	Miss Elizabeth Williams (Y)	3115 Gilbert St.	Savannah, Ga.
	Miss Lenora Clarke (Y)	26 Price	Savannah, Ga.
	Mr. George Shinhase (Y)	21 Butler	Savannah, Ga.
	Miss Elaine Terrell (Y)	1444 Elner	Savannah, Ga.
Clinch	Miss Johnnie Mae Walker (Y)	P. O. Box 974	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Mary J. Meriweather (Y)	Star Route	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Ida Bell Hall (Y)	502 Reddick St.	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Rose L. Hodge (Y)	101 Reddick St.	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Katherine Bowden (Y)	204 Robinson St.	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Pearlie Steel (A)	102 Wilkson St.	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Delorise Inman (Y)	316 Brown St.	Homerville, Ga.
	Miss Ocie Peter (Y)	103 Smith	Homerville, Ga.
	Mr. L. D. R. Perkins (A)	Homerville High & Elementary	Homerville, Ga.
	Mr. S. Glencamp (A)	Homerville High & Elem.	Homerville, Ga.
Coffee	Mr. Thomas J. Green (A)	1301 Leader St.	Douglas, Ga.
Colquitt	Mr. John H. Robersen (A)	506 First Ave., NW	Moultrie, Ga.
	Mr. Julian Felton (Y)	236 First Ave., NW	Moultrie, Ga.
	Mr. Joseph Robersen (Y)	506 First Ave., NW	Moultrie, Ga.
	Miss Dorothy White (Y)	610 N. Twelth	Moultrie, Ga.
	Mr. Zimmie Alderman (A)	808 Fourth St., NE	Moultrie, Ga.
	Miss Verna Johnson (Y)	904 Fifth St., NW	Moultrie, Ga.

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COUNTY	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE
Daugherty	Mr. Don Harris (A)	504 St. Madison	Albany, Ga.
	Mr. Phil Davis (A)	504 S. Madison	Albany, Ga.
	Mr. R. Battle (A)	504 S. Madison	Albany, Ga.
	Miss Patricia Gaine (Y)	619 Holloway Ave.	Albany, Ga.
	Mr. Eddie M. McKendrix (Y)	141 Gaines	Albany, Ga.
	Miss Beverly Plumer (Y)	632 S. Washington	Albany, Ga.
	Miss Bersi Plumer (Y)	632 S. Washington	Albany, Ga.
	Mr. S. B. Wells (A)	321 Merritt	Albany, Ga.
	Miss Jeeann Christian (Y)	534 Holloway	Albany, Ga.
Dooly	Mr. Henry Holt (Y)	Route 3	Vienna, Ga.
	Miss Dorothy Latson (Y)	Route 3, Box 16	Vienna, Ga.
	Miss Willie Mae Thornton (Y)	Route 3, Box 88	Vienna, Ga.
	Miss Armanda Coley (Y)	Rt. 3, Box 74	Vienna, Ga.
	Mr. Alvie Coles (A)	Route 3	Vienna, Ga.
	Mr. Willie J. Neal (Y)	Route 2, Box 44	Vienna, Ga.
	Mr. Alvin Cees, Jr. (Y)	Route 3	Vienna, Ga.
	Mr. Elijah Holt (Y)	Route 3, Box 151	Vienna, Ga.
	Miss Lucile Hendrick	Post Office Box 203	Unadilla, Ga.
	Mr. James Barfield (A)	Post Office Box	Vienna, Ga.
Emanuel	Mr. C. Pitts (Y)	Apt. A-4	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Miss Shirley King (Y)	312 Oliphant St.	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Mr. Earnest Pierce (Y)	Route 2, Box 19	Midville, Ga.
	Mr. James Brantly (A)	346 New St.	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Mr. Aaron Pierce (Y)	Route 2, Box 19	Midville, Ga.
	Miss Barbara Kelly (Y)	318 New St.	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Miss Phyllis King (Y)	312 Oliphant St.	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Miss Joyce Frances (Y)	306 Pughley St.	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Miss Traty Tillman (A)	Rt. 2, Box 39	Midville, Ga.
	Mr. Horace Levett (Y)	Rt. 2, Box 29	Midville, Ga.
	Miss Lina Gibbens (A)	Box 168 Rt. 1	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Mr. James Givens (Y)	Rt. 1, Box 168	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Mr. Thomas E. Allen (A)	Rt. 3, Box 275-A	Swainsboro, Ga.
Fulton	Mrs. Mildred Campbell (A)	150 Bell St., SE	Atlanta, Ga.
	Mr. James Gardner (A)	151 Sunset	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss Deleris Merrison (Y)	354 Leonard St., #261	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss Ella Hanks (Y)	60 Greensferry, #405	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss Vickie Alexander (Y)	375 Peter St.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Mrs. Barbara Whitaker (A)	5 Forsyth St.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Mrs. Emma Williams (A)	660 Greensferry, #405	Atlanta, Ga.
	Rev. Andrew Young (A)	334 Auburn Ave.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Mrs. Daniel Harrell (A)	25 Burbank Dr.	Atlanta, Ga.
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	Mr. J. H. Calhoun (A)	334 Auburn Ave.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Rev. Fred C. Bennette (A)	334 Auburn Ave.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Mrs. Ella Brayboy (A)	Chappell Rd.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss Dorothy Huff (Y)	181 Elm St., Apt 21	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss Mildred McMichael (Y)	641 Greensferry, #621	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss Beverly White (Y)	1109 Fair St.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss L. Boston (Y)	25 Northside Dr.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss Winda Akins (Y)	320 Leonard St.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss Gloria Stroud (Y)	145 John Hope Dr.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss N. Tinnley (Y)	Northside Dr. #167	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss Grenda Harris (Y)	53 McDaniel, #111	Atlanta, Ga.

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Fulton	Miss Margart Norman (Y)	417 Deter St.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss Diane Ragin (Y)	354 Leanerd	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss Pricilla Bernard (A)	187 Atlanta Ave.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Mr. Andrew Mariesett (A)	334 Auburn Ave.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss Carelyn Brown (Y)	403 Peter St., #65	Atlanta, Ga.
	Miss Freddie Williams (A)	660 Greensferry Ave., #405	Atlanta, Ga.
Glynn	Rev. J. F. Mann (A)	2027 Lee St.	Brunswick, Ga.
	Miss Cynthia Bethley (Y)	2027 Lee St.	Brunswick, Ga.
	Mr. Marvin Smith (Y)	2402 Gerdan	Brunswick, Ga.
Greene	Mr. Gresham Geter (A)	Union Point	Union Point, Ga.
	Miss Bernice Pek (Y)	Rt. 1, Box 222	White Plains, Ga.
	Miss Helen Lawrence (Y)	Rt. 1	White Plains, Ga.
	Mr. Welden Jackson (Y)	Rt. 2, Box 198	Greensboro, Ga.
	Miss Gwendalyn Sneed (Y)	Rt. 1, Box 248	White Plains, Ga.
Jasper	Miss Mable Smith (A)	P. O. Box 294	Shadydale, Ga.
	Miss Phyllis Carter (Y)	11 Plum St.	Monticelle, Ga.
	Mr. C. Van Burn (A)	37 South Warren	Monticelle, Ga.
	Miss Susie Thurman (A)	3 Plum St.	Monticelle, Ga.
	Mr. Robert Carter (Y)	11 Plum St.	Monticelle, Ga.
	Miss Carelyn Standifer (Y)	639 South Warren	Monticelle, Ga.
	Miss Marie Butts (A)	35 South Warren	Monticelle, Ga.
	Mr. Howard Peneamon (Y)	14 Mason St.	Monticelle, Ga.
Jeff Davis	Miss Gloria Garnes (Y)	106 Acorn St.	Hazelhurst, Ga.
	Mr. Benjamin Armstrong (A)	Rt. 2	Hazelhurst, Ga.
	Mr. Eugene Garner (Y)	148 Gertman	Hazelhurst, Ga.
	Mr. L. Bloodworth (Y)	306 N. Miller	Hazelhurst, Ga.
	Mr. Samuel Fisher (A)	P. O. Box	Hazelhurst, Ga.
Jefferson	Mr. Lewis Smith (A)	P. O. Box 157	Louisville, Ga.
	Mr. Eugene Flaming (Y)	Rt. 3, Box 153	Louisville, Ga.
	Mr. Kenneth Jackson (Y)	West St., Box 10	Louisville, Ga.
	Mr. Elbert Hannah (Y)	516 W. 8th St.	Louisville, Ga.
	Miss Catherine Smith (Y)	Rt. 2, Box 90	Stapeton, Ga.
	Miss Dorothy Tremble (Y)	Rt. 1, Box 78	Auern, Ga.
	Mr. Odell Hannah (A)	516 W. 8th St.	Louisville, Ga.
Jones	Mr. Alonzo Barfield (A)	Rt. 2, Box 97	Gray, Ga.
Lamar	Miss Judge Collins (A)	10 Fourth St.	Barnesville, Ga.
	Miss H. Griggs Williams (A)	P. O. Box 162	Barnesville, Ga.
	Mr. Ames Whitley (A)	14 Jenkins St.	Barnesville, Ga.
Laurens	Mr. A. F. Cummings (A)	Rt. 1	Dublin, Ga.
	Mr. T. C. Coats (A)	420 Vine	Dublin, Ga.
	Mr. David Edmond (Y)	706 S. Jefferson	Dublin, Ga.
Macon	Mr. James Felton (A)	P. O. Box 166	Marshallville, Ga
Muscogee	Miss Rachel Varlack (A)	1417 Curtis Maddox Dr.	Columbus, Ga.
	Mr. M. F. Jackson (A)	3029 Baldwin St.	Columbus, Ga.
	Miss Levateri Fluelden (A)	411-C Booker Way	Columbus, Ga.

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Meriwether	Mr. W. M. Thompson (A)	Rt. 1	Hogansville, Ga.
	Mr. John T. Reeves (A)	Rt. 1, Box 316	Hogansville, Ga.
Peach	Mr. E. M. Fouler (A)	123 Highly St.	Ft. Valley, Ga.
	Mr. Joe Mullin (A)	114 Vieana	Fort Valley, Ga.
	Miss Irene Jones (A)	205 Vieana St.	Ft. Valley, Ga.
	Miss Gertrude Fuller (A)	307 S. Church	Ft. Valley, Ga.
	Mr. T. A. Appling (A)	307 S. Church	Ft. Valley, Ga.
Pike	Mr. Tennie Leaks (Y)	P. O. Box 212	Zebulon, Ga.
	Miss Bernice Fergurson (Y)	Route Box 4	Molena, Ga.
	Miss Linda Dnidur (Y)	Route Box 28	Concord, Ga.
	Mr. D. F. Glover (A)	Box 272	Zebulon, Ga.
	Mr. Henry Milmer (Y)	P. O. Box 55	Concord, Ga.
	Miss Della Hall (Y)	P. O. Box 96	Concord, Ga.
	Miss C. Glover (Y)	P. O. Box 272	Zebulon, Ga.
	Mr. Keith Glover (Y)	P. O. Box 272	Zebulon, Ga.
	Miss Geraldine Strickland (Y)	Route 2, Box 9	Molena, Ga.
Richmond	Mr. Joe Willis (A)	1122 Miller St.	Augusta, Ga.
	Mrs. M. J. Willis (A)	1122 Miller	August, Ga.
	Mr. Paul J. Davis (A)	1317 Perry Ave.	Augusta, Ga.
	Mrs. Daisy Davis (A)	1317 Perry Ave.	Augusta, Ga.
Spalding	Mr. Phillip Hood (A)	426 Jefferson St.	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Jimmy Fergurson (Y)	1510 North Hill	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Sandra Holmes (Y)	810 Booker St.	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. A. C. Touchstone (A)	564 S. 9th St.	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Shirley Everheart (Y)	561 S. Eight St.	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Francis Gresham (Y)	829 E. Solomon	Griffin, Ga.
	Miss Mathara Shepshire (Y)	202 E. Broad	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Carl Horton (Y)	625 E. Slaton	Griffin, Ga.
	Mr. Brenda Lyons (Y)	228 North Fourth	Griffin, Ga.
Taliaferro	Miss L. Oldie Ewards (A)	Rt. 2, Box 147	Crawfordville, Ga.
	Miss Loran Howard (A)	Rt. 2, Box 84	Union Point, Ga.
	Mr. C. G. Turner (A)	Rt. 2, Box 83	Union Point, Ga.
	Mr. Marvin Ware (Y)	Rt. 3, Box 148	Crawfordville, Ga.
	Miss Annie Bowman (Y)	Rt. 2, Box 84	Union Point, Ga.
	Mr. Floyd Bowman (Y)	Rt. 2, Box 85	Union Point, Ga.
	Missdeann Richardson (Y)	Rt. 2, Box 78	Union Point, Ga.
	Miss Margaret Usher (Y)	Rt. 2, Box 102	Crawfordville, Ga.
Twiggs	Mr. Fred Lewis (A)	Rt. 1, Box 120	Jeffersonville, Ga
Ware	Miss Willie Mae Richardson (A)	P. O. Box 579	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Alfred Fergurson (A)	1419 Colley St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss Lillian Ray (Y)	166 Bailey Heights	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss Annie B. Graham (A)	620 Thomas St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Clarence Stephens (Y)	86 Grooover St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Jimmie Johnson (Y)	279 Thomas St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Eugene Stanford (Y)	133 Bailey Heights	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. George Faison (Y)	809 Butler St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. R. Smith (Y)	703 Butler St.	waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Maude Hill (Y)	95 Bailey Heights	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Arthur Collins (Y)	93 Bailey Heights	Waycross, Ga.

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Ware	Rev. J. E. Ross (A)	913 Daniel St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. P. B. McCoy (A)	1021 Blackwell	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss Catherine Shay (Y)	908 Effie	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss Cheryl Welch (Y)	607 Thomas St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Jimmie McCree (Y)	184 Bailey Heights	Waycross , Ga.
	Miss Carolyn Davis (Y)	811 Blackwell	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Ronnie Welch (Y)	605 Thomas St.	Waycross, Ga.
	MMiss Beverly Leapart (Y)	826 Pittman	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss Cynthia Harris (Y)	197 Bailey Heithst	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss Annie Ruth Mack (Y)	1021 Blackwell	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. John Malone (Y)	1324 Daniel	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. L. Powell (Y)	123 Walton St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss Georgia Ann Oatis (Y)	90 Bailey Heights	Waycross, Ga.
	Miss Rea Lee Douglas (Y)	401 Bown St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Robert Hill (Y)	915 Butler	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Ray Leephart (Y)	826 Pittman	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Jack Robinson (Y)	827 Slate St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Eddie Mobley (Y)	607 Jones St.	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Kenneth Harris (Y)	197 Bailey Heights	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. David Benson (Y)	914 Gheenmore	Waycross, Ga.
	Mr. Jean Moore (Y)	1119 Thomas	Waycross, Ga.
Washington	Miss Betty Braswell (Y)	309 Elder St.	Sandersville, Ga.
	Mr. Willie Harris (Y)	111 Callege St.	Sandersville, Ga.
	Mr. James Emory Archer (Y)	Rt. 2, Box 224	Sandersville, Ga.
	Mr. James Jones (Y)	Rt. 1	Sandersville, Ga.
	Mr. Comer Braswell (A)	309 E. Elder St.	Sandersville, Ga.
	Mr. Willie Alfred Mays (Y)	515 Wiggins St.	Sandersville, Ga.
	Miss Essie Mae Wright (Y)	Rt. 2, Box 46	Sandersville, Ga.
	Miss Mary Spanks (Y)	Rt. 1, Box 141 -A	Sandersville, Ga.
	Mr. Wallace Waynes (Y)	309 Elder St.	Sandersville, Ga.
	Miss Rosa Jewkins (Y)	Rt. 2, Box 39	Sandersville, Ga.
	Miss Annie Wallace (Y)	Rt. 2, Box 26-A	Martha, Ga.
	Mr. Richard Turner (A)	P. O. Box 405, Tennville Ave.	Sandersville, Ga.
	Rev. Steward (A)	310 Hill Crest St.	Sandersville, Ga.
	Mrs. Mary Jones (A)	P. O. Box 1543	Davisbore, Ga.
	MMiss M. McKinney (Y)	P. O. Box 643	Davisbore, Ga.
	Miss Doris Spanks (Y)	Rt. 1, Box 147-A	Sandersville, Ga.
	Mr. A. Mitchell (Y)	P. O. Box 643	Davisbore, Ga.
	Miss Betty Spanks (Y)	Rt. 1, Box 141-A	Sandersville, Ga.
	MissLouise Wallace (Y)	Rt. 2, Box 26-A	Martha, Ga.
	Miss Betty Beyer (Y)	604 Floyd St.	Sandersville, Ga.
	MMr. Walker Lee Reeves (Y)	Rt. 2, Box 206	Sandersville, Ga.
Wilkes	Mr. M. H. Brittian (A)	210 Peachtree St.	Washington, Ga.
	Mr. Raymond Fanning (Y)	Rt. 1, Box 28	Washington, Ga.
	Mr. Ozzie Willis (Y)	Rt. 1, Box 53	Washington, Ga.
	Mr. Toombs McClenden(A)	215 Mercer St.	Washington, Ga.

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ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE

DIST.	COUNTY	ADULTS	YOUTH	TOTAL
VI	Bibb	1	2	3
	Butts	1	1	2
II	Baker	3	0	3
I	Burke	1	0	1
	Chatham	9	10	19
VIII	Glinch	3	7	10
	Coffee	1	0	1
II	Colquitt	2	4	6
	Daugherty	4	5	9
III	Dooly	2	7	9
I	Emanuel	4	9	13
V	Fulton	13	14	27
VIII	Glynn	1	2	3
X	Greene	1	4	5
	Jasper	4	4	8
VIII	Jeff Davis	2	3	5
X	Jefferson	2	5	7
VI	Jones	1	0	1
	Lamar	3	0	3
I	Laurens	2	1	3
III	Macon	1	0	1
	Muscogee	3	0	3
VI	Meriwether	2	0	2
III	Peach	5	0	5
VI	Pike	1	8	9
X	Richmond	4	0	4
VI	Spalding	2	7	9
X	Taliaferro	3	5	8
III	Twiggs	1	0	1
VIII	Ware	5	27	32
X	Washington	4	17	21
	Wilkes	2	2	4
TOTALS	32 Counties	93	144	237

MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GEORGIA VOTERS LEAGUE - APRIL 25, 1964

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The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Georgia Voters League was opened at 3:00 P. M in the 1st Baptist Church, Macon, Ga. on the above date, with co-chairman Mr. W. P. Randall, presiding. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mr. J. H. Calhoun, co-chairman and adopted.

Mr. Randall, read the proposed agenda; it was adopted. He appointed the following Nominating Committee:

Mr. Hosea Williams, Chatham
Rev. Andrew Young, Fulton
Rev F. C. Bennette, Fulton
Mr. Lewis Wynn, Bibb
Miss Mary Monfort, Bibb
Rev. A F. Cumming, Laurens
Rev A. I. Habersham, Bibb

The following Resolution Committee was appointed:

Mr. L. Cohen, 1st District
Mr. Thomas Chatman & J. H. Robersen, 2nd
Mrs. Mildred Campbell, 4th
Mr. Jas. Gardner, 5th
Mrs. Cleo Love, 6th
Miss A. Mack, 8th
Mr. Paul Daniels, 10th

Rev. Andrew Young, introducing the speaker led the song: "This Little Light Of Mine," assisted by Mr. Willie Bolden of Albany, Ga. Mr. Hosea L. Williams of Savannah addressed the League on Political Education over the South. His main points were:

1. 87,000 Negroes in the 1st Congressional District
2. Faith in the Georgia Voters League
3. Structure of the Georgia Voters League now geared to more participation from every district.
4. The importance of the respect of the politicans
5. The importance of "organizations reporting to all the Statewide Meetings."
6. The importance of "Speaking out to politicans."
7. The John Birch Society is the Society that we had better take a good look at and watch the reactions of this group; they are not the ignorant class, but intelegent wealthy people.
8. The greatest weapon is your ballot.
9. He closed with "You Are Your Brother's Keeper," following which there was a song: "When we all Know Justice" led by Mr. Thomas Allen.

The following candidates were referred to: C. B. King - As Representative for the 2nd U. S. Congressional District, George Ford - As Muscogee County Commissioner - John W. Evans, Taliaferro County Road Commissioner. A Word from Mr. Thomas Chatman concerned Atty. C. B. King's candidacy as a successful goal in getting people to register and vote.

The Resolutions Committee made the following report: "The resolution committee of the Georgia Voters League makes the following recommendations:

I That a letter be sent to Governor Carl Sanders and the Chairman of the board of directors of the Milledgeville State Hospital, requesting the following improvements for Negroes:

a. Shorter Working hours
b. Better food
c. Better medical care
d. Better sleeping quarters
e. Recreation facilities

II That more Negroes be hired in all the departments of the State government, as clerks, supervisors, directors. etc.

III The following proposals were added:

a. That State Patrol be asked to hire Negro patrolmen
b. That the governor would give an answer to this letter
c. That Negroes be add to the funeral directors' board
d. That a lettr be written to ask removal the slave market, in Louisville and other memorials to slavery.

Respectfully submitted:
THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS
Mrs. Mildred Campbell
Miss Lewater Flueellen
Miss Annie Ruth Mack
Miss L. Cohen
Mr. Thomas Chatman
Mr. Paul J. Davis
Mr. J. G. Roberson
Mr. James Gardner

Remarks were made by J. H. Calhoun on making good of opportunities be appling for statejobs; Gov. Sanders told our committee in December, 1963 to report discriminations to him. Qualified persons denied jobs should report it to a county, district or state chairman. The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

The nominating committee recommended the following state committee chairmen and senate co-leaders.

Church Work	Rev. J. C. Hope, Glynn Rev. S. C. Key, Bibb
Business and Industry	C. V. Williamson, Fulton Thomas Chatmon, Daugherty
Organizations	Barbara Whitaker, Fulton Cleo Love, Bibb
District Organizing	Rev. Samuel Wells, Daugherty Toombs McLendon, Wilkes

Program	Randolph Blackwell, Fulton Miss Bernice Darby, Chatham
Interview	Jennie Hill, Fulton M. W. Juanita T. Williams, Chatham
Political Guidance	Hosea Williams, Chatham Slater King, Daugherty
Legislation	Horace Ward, Fulton G. B. King, Daugherty
Entertainment	Lewis Wynn, Bibb Evelyn Frazier, Fulton
Publicity	Vernon Mitchell, Muscogee Charles Black, Fulton
Patronage	William P. Randall, Bibb Dr. C. Clayton Powell, Fulton
Education	Elijah J. Jackson, Greene Dorothy Cotton, Fulton
Voter Registration	J. H. Calhoun, Fulton Mable Dawson, Chatham
Finance	Rev. Andrew Young, Fulton C. R. Yates, Fulton
Senate Co-Leaders	Rev. Fred C. Bennette, Fulton A. C. Touchstone, Spalding

The nominating committee's report was adopted and those named were declared elected, unanimously. Mr. J. H. Calhoun, Co-Chairman, asked each district to caucus, recommend a temporary committee to call a district committee meeting to organize U. S. Congressional campaigns, inviting each county to send representatives. The following were named by the caucuses:

1st District	2nd District
J. Crawford Thomas E. Allen Mary Wilson Mr. H. L. Williams	Thomas Chatman J. H. Roberson Mr. Lee Hall

3rd District	4th District
Vernon Mitchell M. V. Jackson	Mildred Campbell

5th District	6th District
James Gardner Mrs. E. Brayboy Q. V. Williamson Rev. Fred Bennette	Amos Whatley Alonzo Barfield D. V. Glover Mr. A. C. Touchstone Mr. W. M. Thomson

8th District

J. H. Mann
Omell Hudson
E. Whitaker

J. E. Rose
E. C. Graham

10th District

Odell Hannah
316 W. 8th St.
Louisville, Ga.
Jefferson County

Mr. C. C. Turner
Route 2
Union Point, Ga.
Taliaferro County

Rev. W. B. Steward
310 Hill Crest St.
Sandersville, Ga.
Washington County

Mr. Eli J. Jackson
Greensboro, Ga.
Greene County

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned, with the Benediction by Rev. Samuel A. Wells to be reconvined in special at a date in July to be named by the Co-Chairman.

Eagle-Eyed Type WASHINGTON, GA.

William P. Randall, Co-Chairman
J. H. Calhoun, Co-Chairman
Vernon Mitchell, Co-Secretary
(Miss) Laverne Graham, Acting Secretary

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

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243 Auburn Avenue, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia

April 14, 1964

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Dear Fellow-Citizen:

We are ready now to evaluate what has been done in voter-registration this year and to concentrate on a "crash" program the last week before the books close on May 2. In the meantime, formal announcement is to be made of the John Wesley Dobbs awards for achievements by individuals and counties in voter-registration, especially emphasizing that final week.

For this purpose there will be a special Statewide Citizenship Clinic for all counties in the state, Saturday, April 25, beginning at 9:00 A. M. in the First Baptist Church, corner of New and High Streets, Macon, Georgia. This will also be the semi-annual meeting of the Committee and the featured speaker will be Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr., Atlanta Life Insurance Company Actuary and Chairman of the All-Citizens Registration Committee in Atlanta.

Each county delegation will be asked to make a report on the type of registration activity that is being conducted, the number of workers involved, the organizations working for voter-registration and the estimated number of persons registered to date, this year. Officers for the 4th, 5th and 9th Congressional Districts will be named by those who attend from these sections.

Travel expenses at 5¢ per mile, per car, round trip, will be paid for those delegations which include youth and dinner will be served to them free.

Sincerely yours,

J H Calhoun

J. H. Calhoun, Chairman
STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
GA. DIRECTOR, VOTER REGISTRATION, SCLC

(Rev.) Fred C. Bennette
Field Secretary

TO: THE STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
243 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA, GA., 30303

_____ Adults and _____ youth will attend the semi-annual meeting and Citizenship Clinic in Macon on April 25, 1964.

SIGNED _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

GEORGIA VOTERS LEAGUE

243 Auburn Avenue, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia

April 15, 1964

Dear Fellow-Citizen:

The Georgia Voters League will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting, Saturday, April 25 at 1:00 P. M. in the First Baptist Church, corner of High and New Streets, Macon, Ga. This meeting will follow the Citizenship Clinic and Semi-Annual Meeting of the Statewide Registration Committee, which begins at 9:00 A. M. in the same place.

Business to be considered by delegates from counties all over the state are:

1. Election of chairmen and and unfilled vacancies for 14 committees: Church Work, Business and Industry, Organization, District Organizing, Program, Interview, Political Guidance, Legislation, Entertainment, Publicity, Patronage, Education, Voter-Registration and Finance

2. Election of a State Senate, one representative from each State Senatorial District and two Senate Co-Leaders.

3. Planning strategy for certain U. S. Congressional and state legislative campaigns.

4. Selection of district officers by representatives from the 4th, 5th and 9th U. S. Congressional Districts.

It is hoped that you will arrange to attend this important meeting and that the delegation from your county will include youth, who need to receive this political eduction.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Calhoun

J. H. Calhoun, Co-Chairman

Wm. P. Randall

Wm. P. Randall, Co-Chairman
GEORGIA VOTERS LEAGUE

PRESS RELEASE - STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - GEORGIA VOTERS LEAGUE
APRIL 21, 1964

Preparation for, as well as, participation in Georgia political action will be highlighted Saturday at the First Baptist Church, High and New Streets in Macon, Ga. Beginning at 9:00 A. M. a daylong program, featuring two young leadership personalities: Hosea Williams of Savannah and Jesse Hill of Atlanta, will concentrate on voter-registration and organizing for September primary elections.

The Statewide Registration Committee, headed by J. H. Calhoun, of Atlanta, as chairman, will have charge of the morning program, while the Georgia Voters League, of which Mr. Calhoun and Wm. P. Randall are co-chairmen, will hold its semi-annual meeting beginning at 1:00 P. M. Mr. Hill, Atlanta Life Insurance Company Actuary and chairman of the Fulton County All-Citizens Registration Committee, will speak at the morning session. Mr. Williams, chairman of the Chatham County and Southeastern Georgia Crusades for Voters, will keynote the afternoon session. State Senator Leroy Johnson, Atty. C. B. King, candidate for 2nd U. S. District Congressman and Geo. W. Ford, Muskogee County Commission candidate, of Columbus, have also been invited to speak.

Another feature of the program will be the announcement of John Wesley Dobbs Memorial awards for achievements in voter registration. A crash program for the final week of the current drive, which ends May 2, will be launched in connection with the awards. Fulton County, under the leadership of Mr. Hill, is already boasting of having added more than 6,000 Negroes' names to the voter-registration lists this year under the neighborhood registration program. Chatham County, however, directed by Mr. Williams' organization, conservatively estimates that more than 1,600 new Negro Voters were added in one day: Sunday, April 19, under its neighborhood registration program.

During the Georgia Voters League session, 14 committees will be established with a chairman and two representatives from each U. S. Congressional District. A State Senate will be organized, to promote state senatorial district campaigns, an idea promoted by Rev. Fred C. Bennette, SCLC, Field Secretary, of Atlanta. There will also be caucuses on organizing 10 U. S. Congressional District campaigns

These are follow-up sessions to the several Congressional District meetings which have been held on successive Saturdays since February 29 of this year.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SCLC

CONTESTANTS REPORT ON PARTICIPATION IN CRASH PROGRAM - APRIL 24 - MAY 2, 1964

1. Name P. B. McCoy Address 1021 Blackwell St.

City Waycross County Ware Telephone

2. Block Party: Date 1964 - Present: Registered Not Registered

3. Names and addresses of all persons registered by contestant April 25-May 2, 1964

NAME	ADDRESS	NAME	ADDRESS

8TH DISTRICT

Clinch County Registration	617		
Ware County "	3,200		
Jeff Davis " "	150		
Telfair " "	910		
Glynn " "	3,400		
	8,277		

Total of 45 present today, representing 8th District

4. Detailed description of other voter registration activities for 1964:

Miss Willie Mae Richardson - Secy.

P. B. McCoy - Chairman

April 25, 1964

Among the 25 youths from Ware County was Bobby the young man who received State & Nationwide publicity for leading a campaign at age 13, netted nearly a half million dollars in medical supplies and cash contributions to Dr. Albert Sweitzer who has a hospital for victims of leprosy in Africa, Bobby, whose parents are also Haywoomans, appeared on nationwide TV over the programs "Today," and To Tell The Truth. He is now a senior at Center High School.

(Note - This report form must be mailed to: Mr. Calhoun, chairman, Statewide Registration Committee, 243 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Ga., by midnight, May 5, 1964).

SPECIAL PRESS RELEASE - TO ATLANTA WORLD - STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - MAY 15, 1964

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With an estimated 275,000 Negro registered voters in Georgia, according to figures released by J. H. Calhoun, chairman of the Statewide Registration Committee, Negro candidates have been encouraged to qualify for public office, he states. The statewide, non-partisan, non-political group, sponsored by the Georgia Voters League and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, conducted Citizenship Clinics in 8 different cities, supported by the Voter Education Project.

Among the Negro candidates qualified in the September 9 Democratic Primary are: C. B. King, Albany, 2nd Congressional District; Donald L. Hollowell, Atlanta, Superior Court Judge, George W. Ford, Columbus, Senator Leroy Johnson and Horace Ward, Atlanta and B. C. Mayfield, Savannah, State Senate County Commissioner and John W. Evans, Crawfordville, County Road Commissioner. No longer is the hope for public office futile for the Georgia Negro citizen, since several successful, as well as, near-successful campaigns have been conducted in recent months. With Senator Leroy Johnson and Board of Education member Rufus Clement in Atlanta, last year a Negro Candidate lost in Liberty County by 150 votes with 300 votes disqualified. This Spring in Fort Valley 5 Negro candidates ran and were unsuccessful, but two of them lost by only 16 and 11 votes, respectively. In several counties like Peach, Liberty, Taliaferro and Greene, Negro voters now outnumber or have become about equal to the number of whites. With a majority population in some 30 to 40 counties, increased citizenship education at both local and state levels will make the Negro voter more potent, say the leaders.

Resource persons and staff participating in the clinics were: Rev. Fred C. Bennette, field secretary, Rev. Andrew Young, voter-education and citizenship training director, Rev. Daniel Harrell and Mrs. Juanita Harrell, Hosea Williams and Rev. Samuel Wells, field workers, all of SCLC, Mrs. Barbara Whitaker of VEP, G. C. Williams of Madison, Rev. Clarence Tuggle of Rome, Slater King, of Albany, Elijah Jackson of Greensboro, the Albany singers and field workers of SNNC. Several NAACP branch presidents and field workers participated in workshops: Ralph Quarterman, Liberty County; A. R. Hubbard, Early County; George Ford, Muscogee County; Theodore Appling, Peach County; Raymond Head, Spalding County; also C. G. Turner, Taliaferro County and others.

Workshop discussions centered around county reports and problems, organization procedures, "bread and meat" objectives, canvassing film, roles of public officials, public relations, citizenship training and finally, how to get out the vote. Over one half of those attending were youth delegates, with registrations as follows:

DISTRICT	PLACE	DATE	YOUTH	ADULTS	TOTAL	COUNTIES
3rd	Columbus	Feb. 29	11	25	36	4
6th	Griffin	Mar. 7	36	33	69	6
10th	Greensboro	14	36	46	82	10
8th	Waycross	21	31	22	53	7
2nd	Moultrie	28	14	23	37	11
1st	Savannah	Apr. 4	54	66	120	12
7th	Cedartown	11	2	27	29	6
Statewide	Macon	26	144	93	237	32
	Totals	8	328	335	663	88

The total of 88 participating, represents 61 different counties, covering all but the 9th U. S. Congressional District; two counties of this district reported: Hall and Stephens. Committee volunteer and field workers were active in more than 75 counties this year, with 34 of them reporting 151,431 Negroes now registered.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SCLC

LIST OF FIELD WORKERS REPORTS - MAY, 1964

DISTRICT	NAME OF WORKER	ADDRESS	TITLE
* II	Thos. Chatman	903 Dorsett Ave.	Dist. Chairman
	J. H. Roberson	506 First Ave.	Asst. Dist. Chairman
** III	Vernon Mitchell	500½ 9th St.	Dist. Chairman
** VI	Theodore Appling	307 E. Church St.	Part-time Worker
*** VIII	P. B. McCoy	1021 Blackwell St.	Dist. Chairman
**** X	Gresham Geter	Union Point	Dist. Chairman

* In SCLC VEP 3-26 2nd Cong. Dist., Ga, file

** In SCLC VEP 3-26 Columbus, Ga., file

*** In VEP3-6 3rd Cong. Dist, Ga., file

**** In VEP3-26 8th Cong. Dist - Ga., file

***** In VEP3-26 10th Cong. Dist. - Ga, file

June 2, 1964

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Barbara I. Whitaker

Re: Proposed Workshop in Political Education

In a period when Negro voting strength in the state of Georgia is estimated at 275,000 or 21.1 per cent of an estimated total of 1,300,000, it seems appropriate that there be some effort made to engage in widespread political education. If the objectives of freedom from racial discrimination and equality under law and the Constitution are to be achieved, Negroes must exercise the balance of political power which they hold. It appears that the SCLC has recognized this need as evidenced by the proposal recently presented to VEP through its Statewide Registration Committee. The intent of this memo is to comment on the proposal as submitted.

As this program is perceived by the writer, its objectives would be four-fold:

1. To develop a working program which can be used, with modification, in every voting district in the state.

2. To help participants develop an awareness and appreciation for practical politics, the ability to analyze public issues, and a willingness to undertake responsible leadership roles in public affairs.

3. To provide instruction in use of various voting devices (machines, ballots).

4. To instruct in methods and techniques useful in promoting participation on election day.

It would appear that at least one representative should be invited from each county, with urban communities also sending representation. The U. S. Congressional District chairmen would be included in this listing. (See attached list for possible invitees.)

Methods used to achieve these goals would include lectures, discussion groups, audio-visual aids, panel discussions, and demonstrations. Additionally, a kit of materials might be prepared for the conferees. Most importantly, there would be follow-up visits by the district

coordinators and field workers.

I would recommend financing the political education program as proposed by the Statewide Registration Committee of SCLC.

Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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Attachments:

Precinct Worker's Manual *
Letter samples *
List of possible workshop participants *
Suggested Agenda

* On original only.

AGENDA FOR WORKSHOP IN POLITICAL EDUCATION

Friday:

9 - 10:15 a. m.	Setting the Stage - program, scope, organization, scope; introduction of staff.
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:30-12:15 p.m.	Film "Right Now", if available with appropriate introductory remarks and discussion period.
1:30-4:00 p.m.	Organizing for political education.

A. At county level.
B. Voting district or precinct level.
C. Role of U. S. Congressional District chairmen.
D. Role of SCLC field staff.
E. Recruiting volunteer workers.
F. Preparation of card files on registration voters.
G. Organization of committees.
   1. Telephone
   2. Transportation
   3. Baby sitters
   4. Poll-watchers
H. Financing

4 - 6 p. m.	Problems Clinic - Opportunity to share, in small groups, problems with whihh help is needed.
6 p. m.	Dinner

Saturday:

9-10:30 a.m.	Getting out the vote - Panel Discussion Mrs. Johnson - Birmingham, Alabama Mr. Mitchell - Macon County, Alabama Mr. Riddick - Nansemond County, Virginia Mr. Appling - Peach County, Georgia Mr. Baggs - Liberty County, Georgia
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:45-12:30 p.m.	Use of voting machines - voting split tickets, etc.
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch

1:30-3:30 p. m.	Evaluation of workshop Summation - Dismissal
3:30-6 p.m.	Opportunity for consultaion with staff.

STATEWIDE REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE - S. C. L. C.

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT - MAY 12 - JUNE 15, 1964 - SUGGESTED BUDGET

I	Statewide Workshop - Atlanta, Ga., May 23, 1964		
	A. Travel 100 persons, round trip	$2,000.00	
	B. Lodging " " 2 nights	1,200.00	
	C. Meals " " @ 1.50	750.00	
	D. Rental - Meeting Room	50.00	
		4,000.00	$4,000.00
II	Travel and Expenses - 100 Counties		
	A. Travel @ $25.00 each 100	$2,500.00	
	B. Organization Expense 100 Counties	2,500.00	5,000.00
III	Office and Staff -		
	A. Director and Assistants	$1,500.00	
	B. Clerical	300.00	
	C. Material and Supplies	100.00	
	D. Telephone and Telegraph	100.00	
	E. Travel	200.00	1,700.00
			$10,700.00
IV	Contingencies		300.00
			$11,000.00

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

243 Auburn Avenue, N. E., At Atlanta, Georgia

May 8, 1964

Dear Fellow Citizen:

The political implications of 1964 make it almost imperative that we launch upon a statewide program of political education.

You are therefore invited and urged to participate in a non-partisan workshop to discuss such subjects as:

1. How to mark ballots, as well as, how to use voting machines.
2. How to vote for a "write-in" candidate.
3. How to vote an "absentee" ballot.
4. How to vote in referendums and on bond issues.
5. How to participate in a two-party primary.
6. How to get out the largest possible vote in a county.

These sessions will be held from 7:00 P. M. Friday, May 22, thru Saturday, May 23 at the Walnhaje Apartments, 239 West Lake Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga. All expenses to and from the Clinic, as well as, living expenses here, will be paid.

The plan is to train one hundred persons from various sections of the state, who will return to their sections and conduct similar workshops, on a voluntary basis, county by county, during the coming weeks. The number of new registered voters, as well as, the importance of all voters being able to vote intelligently, warrants your participation.

If you cannot attend in person, please designate a person to take your place, whom you feel is qualified and will sacrifice the time to help in educating our voters. Inasmuch as the number of participants must be limited to 100, and we hope, in as many counties, you are urged to fill out and return the form below.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN
STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
Ga. Director, Voter-Registration, SCLC

TO: THE STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
243 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

____ I will attend the non-partisan Clinic on May 22-23, 1964, in Atlanta, Ga.
____ I will not be able to attend the Clinic, but recommend the following person:

Name_____ Address_____

Signed_____ Address_____

City_____ County_____ Telephone_____

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JUN 8 - 1964

243 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia
June 6, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Pursuant to the several telephone conversations, conferences and exchanges of materials, I am enclosing herewith an estimate of the cost of the workshop which is scheduled to be held at the Waluhaje Apartments, June 12-14, 1964 and a suggested agenda:

I Place - Waluhaje Apartments, 239 West Lake Avenue, N. W., Atlanta

A. Waluhaje Ballroom for sessions. $ 50.00
B. Waluhaje Dining Room for Meals.

II Lodging

A. Waluhaje Apartments

1. Rates - $5.00 per night per person
2. Facilities - Tentative - 2 nights
   a. 13 double rooms 26 persons
   b. 4 Large Triple rooms 12 "
   c. 3 Suites (Tentative) 12 "
   d. 4 Single Rooms 4 " Total 54 Persons
3. Estimated Cost 540.00

B. Morris Brown College - Quadrangle

1. Rates - $3.50 per night per person
2. 25 double rooms - 50 Persons
3. Estimated cost 350.00

III Meals - Waluhaje Dining Room

A. 2 Breakfasts - Saturday and Sunday	@ $1.03	$206.00
B. 1 Coffee Break - Saturday	.30	30.00
C. 1 Luncheon - Saturday	.85	85.00
D. 2 Dinners - Friday	2.50	250.00
Saturday	2.00	200.00
		$771.00
E. Tax and Service		100.23
		$871.23
		$1,011.23

As you will recall, the estimated budget on this phase of the Political Education program was $2,000.00. Your attention is also invited to the fact that we propose to use paid, instead of volunteer supervisors or co-ordinators.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. CALHOUN, Chairman
Statewide Registration Committee
Ga. Director, Voter-Registration, SCLC

Cc Messrs. Young, Blackwell, Mrs. Holloway

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SCLC
SUGGESTED WORKSHOP ON VOTER REGISTRATION
WAHNEE [illegible] - JUNE 12-14, 1964

Friday - June 12 - Wahnee Ballroom - Registration

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM Setting the Stage - Program, scope, Organization scope; introduction of staff.

4:15 PM - 6:00 PM Film: "Night Raw," if available, with appropriate introductory remarks and discussion period.

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Dinner - Wahnee Dining Room - Speaker, Mr. Theodore Appling, Fort Valley, Peach County, Ga.

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Why Register and Vote - Broad and Meat Objectives - Roles of Public Officials - State Employment

Saturday - June 13

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Breakfast - Wahnee Dining Room - Speaker, Mrs. _____ Johnson, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Ala.

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Organizing for Political Education - Wahnee Ballroom

A. At the County Level.
B. At the Voting District or Precinct Level.
C. Role of the U. S. Congressional District Chairman.
D. Role of the SCLC Field Staff.
E. Recruiting Volunteer Workers.
F. Preparation of Card Files on Registered Voters.
G. Organization of Committees.
1. Telephone
2. Transportation
3. Baby Sitters
4. Poll Watchers
H. Financing

12:30 PM - 12:45 PM Coffee Break

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Problems Clinic - Opportunity to share, in small groups, problems with which help is needed.

1:45 PM - 3:30 PM Lunch - Wahnee Dining Room - Speaker, Mr. _____ Mitchell, Tuskegee, Macon County, Ala.

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Voting Procedures

A. Use of Voting Machines
B. How to Mark Ballots
C. Absentee Ballots
D. Write-in Ballots
E. Voting "Split" Tickets
F. Bond Issues and Referendums

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Dinner - Wahnee Dining Room - Speaker, Mr. _____ Hightick, Suffolk, Nansemond County, Va.

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Panel Discussion - Getting out the Vote - Dining Room

Sunday - June 14

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Breakfast - Wahnee Dining Room - Speaker, Mr. _____ Boggs, Liberty County, Ga.

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Summation & Evaluation of Workshop

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

243 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA, GEORGIA

June 27, 1964

MEMORANDUM

JUN 29 1964

FROM: J. H. Calhoun, State Chairman

TO: All District Chairmen and State Leaders

SUBJECT: Crash Voter Registration Program June 29 - July 20, 1964

The action of the Special Session of the Georgia Legislature in providing about three weeks for voter-registration gives us an opportunity to increase voter registration.

Attorney General Eugene Cook has stated that he will call the attention of all County Registrars to this provision. It is therefore suggested that you urge your county leaders to initiate "Crash Programs" for increased registration.

County registrars who do not understand and who will not agree to register people for the September Primary should be asked to contact the Attorney General or Secretary of State. At your discretion, you may use this letter to prove your point.

You will find enclosed an announcement on a suggested "Crash Program" involving individual block parties. Any kind of program that will permit of showing individual accomplishments in voter-registration, may be used in the Dobbs Memorial Trophy Contest.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

243 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA, GEORGIA

June 25, 1964

Dear Fellow - Citizen:

The Special Session of the Georgia Legislature passed a new election code which may permit voter-registration from June 29 to July 21, 1964 for the Primary Elections. Atty. Gen. Cook has promised to rule on the subject.

It is incumbent upon us to initiate activities to get more people registered. A crash program along the lines of the Block Party project is one way of securing action. County leaders are asked to:

1. Call together leaders from each precinct or voting district.
2. Pass out and explain the enclosed circular on "How to Organize a Block Party," or establish a similar "Crash Program."
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June 29 - July 20, 1964

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June 25, 1964

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SUGGESTED STATEWIDE POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM - 1964

I Establish a Political Education Program - Statewide

A. Chief objectives

1. Get out the vote campaign
2. Use of ballots and voting machines

B. Meeting of 10 U. S. Congressional District Chairmen, staff and field workers - May 16, Atlanta

1. Adoption of program
2. Workshop on political education - See II - C - 1, 2, 3, below

II Set up county wide workshops in each U. S. Congressional District

A. Invite representatives from each voting district or precinct.

B. U. S. Congressional District chairmen and field workers to serve as directors

C. Program

1. How to get out the vote - (See "Get Out The Vote" instructions)
2. How to mark ballots - (Use Sample Ballots)
3. How to use voting machines - (Use pictures of voting machines)
4. How to "write in" votes
5. How to vote an "absentee" ballot
6. County wide organization

a. Divide county into voting districts or precincts
b. Name a committee for each voting district or precinct to organize and conduct workshop

III County program

A. County wide workshop - II above

B. Establishment of voting district or precinct organization - II A and C-6 above

1. Committee for each voting district or precinct II A and C-6 above
2. Workshop in each voting district or precinct - Same as II above

a. Invite all voters to voting district workshop
b. Conduct course in political education - II - C - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, above
c. Enlist workers for contacting registered voters thru use of "contact cards" (See "Get Out The Vote" instructions)

3. Set up election day organization - (See "Get Out The Vote" instructions)

a. Headquarters for each voting district or precinct
b. Select voting district or precinct chairman
c. Transportation committee in each voting district or precinct
d. Telephone committee for each voting district or precinct
e. Baby sitters for each voting district or precinct
f. Poll watchers for each voting booth - Use "Poll Watchers Cards"

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Press Release, Georgia Voters League

Nearly 500 adult and youth delegates came from some 50 odd Georgia counties to echo their community citizenship activities in a political action rally last Saturday, in Macon, Ga.

The walls of First Baptist and Tremont Temple Baptist Churches resounded with singing, round after round of applause and proclamations of feelings, objectives and plans, as Atlanta Life Actuary, Jesse Hill, of Atlanta, challenged them with demands, as well as, decisive plans for action, in a keynote address.

Kicking off with a voter-registration workshop in the morning session, the Statewide Registration Committee examined 1963 activities of 50 counties, adopted resolutions citing Civil Rights violations and reelected a slate of state officers. Those reelected were: Chairman, J. H. Calhoun, Atlanta; Vice-Chairman, Rev. J. F. Mann, Brunswick; Secretary, Mrs. Ocelia C. Ellis, Atlanta: Asst. Secretary, Q. V. Williamson, Atlanta; Treasurer, C. R. Yates, Atlanta, and Youth Advisor, T. M. Jackson, Macon.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Bibb County Coordinating Committee served as hosts for the registration activities and Rev. Andrew Young, Director of Citizenship Training and Voter-Registration for SCLC, led the youth assembly in discussions and planning.

The Georgia Voters League Annual Meeting occupied the afternoon in adopting strong resolutions against Civil Rights violations in Savannah, Americus, Albany and other cities. These proclamations called upon the President, the Governor, the Department of Justice and other public officials to take decisive action to eliminate the injustices involved in jailing leaders and demonstrators, condoning violence and obstructing the progress of full citizenship for Negroes.

Citizenship awards were made to Hosea Williams, of the Savannah Crusade for Voters and Slater King, leader of the Albany Movement. The following state officers were elected by the League: Co-Chairman, J. H. Calhoun, Atlanta; Co-Chairman, William P. Randall, Macon; Co-Vice Chairman, Hosea Williams, Savannah; Co-Vice Chairman, P. B. McCoy, Waycross; Co-Secretary, Jesse Hill, Jr., Atlanta; Co-Secretary, Q. V. Williamson, Atlanta; Co-Asst. Secretary, Vernon Mitchell, Columbus; Co-Asst. Secretary, Joseph Phinazee, Atlanta; Treasurer, C. P. Yates, Atlanta; Chaplain, Rev. J. F. Mann, Brunswick, and Parliamentation, Slater King, Albany.

COUNTIES WITH ORGANIZED REGISTRATION PROJECTS

(GEORGIA)

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Berrien	Schools and Churches		20		
Bibb	Bibb Cty. Coor. Com.		3000		
[illegible]ke		Joe J. Crawford, Box 97 Midville	250		
Clark	City & Clark Cty. Voters League	R. B. Ware, 181 Washington St.; Q. V. Weaver (Athens)	350	Voters Lge.	
Chatham	Chatham Cty. Crusade for Voters		300		
Clinch	Voter Reg. Cit. Trng.		60		
Coffee	--	--	--		
Colquitt	Colquitt Cty. Voters & Civic League	J. H. Roberson, 506 1st Avenue, N. W., Moultrie			
Cook	Cook Cty. Civic League	Rev. J. W. Mays, 218 Cherry St., Adel	14		
Dooly	--				
Doughtery	SNCC & Albany Movement	C. Sherrod and Rev. E. B. Wells			
Emanuel	Emanuel Cty. Voters Lge. backed by SCLC		95		
Fulton	All Cit. Reg. Committee	Jesse Hill, Atlanta Life, Atlanta	7000		
Greene	Greene Cty. Voters Lge	Gresham Geter, Union Point	300		

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Hous ton	Hous ton Cty. Coor. Com.	Samuel Smith, Route 1, Warner Robins	800		
Jasper	Jasper Cty. Voters League	Dr. F. D. Funderburg, Monticello	100		
Jones	No organized group		12		
Lamar		Amos Whatley, Barnesville	18		
Liberty	Liberty County Council		100		
Lincoln		R. W. Andrews, Route 3, Lincolnton	--		
Laurens	Civic & Voting League of Dublin & Laurens		200		
Muscogee	Mus cogee Cty. Voters	Vernon Mitchell, 500 9th Street, Columbus	600		
Muscogee	Muscogee Voters Lge.		150		
Marion	--				
Morgan	Morgan County Civic Lge.	Mr. G. C. Williams, Jr. Box 371, Madison	60		
Pike	Pike Cty. Voters Lge.	D. B. Glover, Box 272, Zebulon	60		
Putnam	--				
Richmond	Augusta Citizens Voters Lge.				
Sumter	Sumter Cty. Movement & Americus and Atlanta SNCC				

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Tatnall	Tatnall Cty. Mutual Reg. Com.		1500		
Terrell	SNCC		100		
Tift	Civic Club	Mr. Solomon Nixon, So. Park St. Tifton			
Wheeler	Citizens Training for Adults	Rev. A. Graham, Alamo	123		
Upson	Upson County Voters League	Rev. W. H. Huff, Thomaston	36		
Ware	Keystone Voters and Civic League	P. B. McCoy, Waycross	300		
			16,990-	TOTAL	

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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Negroes To Vie In City Races

Two Negro citizens qualified Monday as candidates for City Council and the Board of Education in the annual municipal election on May 26.

H. Frank Burke of 813 Fourth Street N.W., identified as a local garage mechanic, filed his qualification to seek the seat on the Moultrie Council now held by Preston Cook.

At the same time Edward J. Starkey, operator of a local cab company, qualified to run for school commissioner from the Fourth Ward, in which Mrs. Lonnie Rowell is the incumbent and is seeking reelection.

Starkey resides at 624 Ninth Avenue S.E.

It is the first time in the recollection of local political circles that Negroes have become qualified candidates for elective positions in the City of Moultrie.

Burke's entry in the council race has turned it into a four-way campaign for the aldermanic post now held by Cook. The incumbent has qualified to run for re-election, and within the past few days Ivan Clayton, a department supervisor for a local packing company, and Frank Bowers, owner of a cab company, filed qualifications to make the race for that post.

No opposition has developed thus far in two other council races in which W. C. Arwood and Carlton Duggan, the incumbents, have qualified to seek second terms. Neither is there opposition in three other school board races.

The entry list closes May 11.

Magazine's Office Closed By Soviets

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet government today ordered Time magazine to close its office here and told its correspondent to leave the country in the next few days.

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STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Colquitt COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ___

   a. If so, under what name? Colquitt County Voters and Civic League

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAI

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Moultrie City Ga.

   a. Other Headquarters if any ___

   b. Number of office workers 1 Voluntary x Paid ___

   c. Number of Canvassers 6 Voluntary x Paid ___

   d. Name of director ___ Address ___

3. Dates of Campaigns - From April 25 1964 to May 2 1964

4. How was the campaign carried out? Youth make made block canvass to obtain information of persons not registered. Same were contacted and carried to courthouse to register.

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 3 Canvassing 6

   Telephone 2 Transportation or Car Pool 4 Baby Sitting ___

   Publicity hand bills Other announcement in chruch and meetings

5. Estimated county population 24,000 Negroes 6,000 Total Registration 11,798

6. Estimated Negro Registration 1,101 Registered in 1963 43 1964 116

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   W. F. Ryce — 6 Students

   J. H. Roberson

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

No difficulties in registering at the registors office. From this campaign 2 Negroes qualified to run for city office: City School Board and City Council Man

1964 Campaign Dates Jan. 1964 to May 2 1964 No. Registered 149

Signed J. H. Roberson Address 506 1st Ave., NW City Moultrie, Ga.

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1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes yes ~~No~~ x

   a. If so, under what name? COLQUITT COUNTY VOTERS & CIVIC LEAGUE

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Moultire City Ga.

   a. Other Headquarters if any

   b. Number of office workers ~~5~~ 1 Voluntary x Paid

   c. Number of Canvassers 6 Voluntary x Paid

   d. Name of director Address

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   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 3 Canvassing 6

   Telephone 2 Transportation or Car Pool 4 Baby Sitting

   Publicity hand bills Other announcement in church and meetings

5. Estimated county population 24000 Negroes 6000 Total Registration 11798

6. Estimated Negro Registration 1101 Registered in 1963 43 1964 116

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

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1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes _____ No _____

   a. If so, under what name? _____

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
Colquitt County Voter's & Civic League	J. H. Roberson, 506 1st Ave., NW Moultrie, Ga.

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Moultrie City _____

   a. Other Headquarters if any _____

   b. Number of office workers 10 Voluntary X Paid _____

   c. Number of Canvassers 6 Voluntary X Paid _____

   d. Name of director W. F. Ryan Address 723 3rd St., NW, Moultrie, Ga.

3. Dates of Campaigns - From March 1 1963 to April 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Voluntary workers and help of the youth, canvassing from house to house

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 6 Canvassing 6

   Telephone 3 Transportation or Car Pool 4 Baby Sitting _____

   Publicity Church Other _____

5. Estimated county population 24,000 Negroes 6,000 Total Registration 11,653

6. Estimated Negro Registration 1,104 Registered in 1963 985 1964 119

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   (6 students). The voters list has been purge twice both white and colored since 6/62, Colored from 1,329 to 1,117 purged again 7/63 from 1,117 to 983. Present unregisted 1/23/64, 1,104 again of 119

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

   No difficulties in registering and voting. Most of student age 18 have been registed.

1964 Campaign Dates 2/28 to 1/23/64 1964 No. Registered 119

Signed J. H. Roberson Address 506 1st Ave., NW City Moultrie

REPORT OF J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN, STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE AND GEORGIA DIRECTOR OF VOERR-REGISTRATION, SCLC - APRIL 8, 1963

Called Mr. Farwell, Manager of the Hilton Inn and informed him that we could not postpone the luncheon conference scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 1963, for policy, as well as, arrangement reasons. We assured him that there would be no publicity involving the Hilton Inn either before or after the meeting. He requested advice as to whether he should alert the Hapeville police and I suggested that it be done Saturday morning. He seemed to have reconciled himself th the situation and was in good spirits.

Began working on the agenda for the April 13 Conference. Conferred with Rev. Bennette; Mr. Jesse Hill was creating a problem for him by wanting him to do errands and minor detailed work. I advised Rev. Bennette that Mr. Hill was in earnest about the program; that he seems to have unlimited energy but lacks the necessary organizational ability. Therefore he assumes an unusual amount of detail work, which has the effect of retarding his planned program. I also explained that his work schedule and numerous community activities limit the amount of time he can spend on any one project and make it difficult to contact him. I promised to talk with and urge Mr. Hill to give more time to understanding Rev. Bennette's capabilities, as well as, his loyalty and anxiety over any assignment he assumes, factors which I had learned thru our association.

In response to his problems in regard to Miss Jones, the office secretary, I explained that I had observed her pecocious , industrious attitude, also the fact that she is not a typist; but the very fact that she responded to Mr. Hill's least request was personality potentiality upon which Rev. Bennette should be able to capitalize. I promised to have a similar conference with Miss Jones.

Because of the limited amount of time and the condition of my car, I accepted Rev. Benmette's suggestion to fly to Tifton, via Albany. After the plane schedule was arranged, we called Dr. W. G. Anderson in Albany, who agreed to have me met at the airport and furnish transportation to Tifton. This worked fine and Rev. Smith, of Albany drove me to Tifton and back, dropping me at the motel for the night.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Burke COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Burke County Civic League

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
Burke Coun ty Civic League	Mr. Joe J. Crawford
	P. O. Box 97, Midville, Ga.

2. Address of Registration Headquarters P. O. Box 97 City Midville, Ga.

   a. Other Headquarters if any None

   b. Number of office workers None Voluntary X Paid ____

   c. Number of Canvassers 4 Voluntary X Paid ____

   d. Name of director Rev. G. S. Robinson Address Waynesboro, Georgia

3. Dates of Campaigns - From January 1963 to May 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Door to door contact

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 8 Canvassing No number

   Telephone None Transportation or Car Pool X Baby Sitting None

   Publicity None Other None

5. Estimated county population ____ Negroes ____ Total Registration ____

6. Estimated Negro Registration 2,100 Registered in 1963 ____ 1964 ____

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   None

   None

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

   This county is in the process of reorganizing much of the information used for this form is not readily available.

1964 Campaign Dates ____ to ____ 1964 No. Registered ____

Signed Benjamin Van Clarke Address ____ City ____

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Laurens COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Civic and Voters League

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
Civic and Voters League	Mr. A. F. Cummings
	Rt. 1, Dublin, Georgia

2. Address of Registration Headquarters None City None

   a. Other Headquarters if any None None

   b. Number of office workers None Voluntary X Paid None

   c. Number of Canvassers None Voluntary X Paid None

   d. Name of director Rev. W. B. Shivers Address Dublin, Ga., Bere Street

3. Dates of Campaigns - From August 1963 to December 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Massive Voter Registration Campaign

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 6 Canvassing 50

   Telephone 30 Transportation or Car Pool None Baby Sitting None

   Publicity None Other None

5. Estimated county population 18,000 Negroes 7000 Total Registration ____

6. Estimated Negro Registration 2800 Registered in 1963 X 1964 ____

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   This is a new county in the lot - It will have some people trained to workshops

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

   We will give them all of the help they will need to run an effective program.

   No plans as of yet.

1964 Campaign Dates ____ to ____ 1964 No. Registered ____

Signed ____ Address ____ City ____

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Emanuel COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Emanuel County Civic Voters League

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Rt. 3, Box 275 - A City Swainsboro

   a. Other Headquarters if any Rt. 2, Box Midville

   b. Number of office workers None Voluntary None Paid None

   c. Number of Canvassers ? Voluntary ? Paid None

   d. Name of director Thos. E. Allen Address Rt. 3, Box 275 - A

3. Dates of Campaigns - From September 1963 to December 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Door to door canvassing, organizations, churches

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering ? Canvassing ?

   Telephone 3 Transportation or Car Pool 4 Baby Sitting None

   Publicity None Other ____

5. Estimated county population ? Negroes ? Total Registration 22,098

6. Estimated Negro Registration 2,998 Registered in 1963 250 1964 50

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   Mrs. Love Anna Riggs around 20

   Rev. Genero Brown " 17

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

   Would like speaker for Mass Meeting in the near future.

1964 Campaign Dates June to Present 1964 No. Registered 50

Signed Thomas E. Allen Address Rt. 3, Box 275 - A City Swainsboro, Ga.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR [illegible] COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? [illegible]

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

2. Address of Registration Headquarters [illegible] City [illegible]

   a. Other Headquarters if any [illegible]

   b. Number of office workers 5 Voluntary 10 Paid 4

   c. Number of Canvassers [illegible] Voluntary [illegible] Paid [illegible]

   d. Name of director [illegible] Address [illegible]

3. Dates of Campaigns - From Jan. 1963 to March 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Door to door canvassing, organizations, schools, churches

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 20 Canvassing [illegible]

   Telephone [illegible] Transportation or Car Pool [illegible] Baby Sitting [illegible]

   Publicity [illegible] Other ____

5. Estimated county population [illegible] Negroes [illegible] Total Registration [illegible]

6. Estimated Negro Registration [illegible] Registered in 1963 [illegible] 1964 [illegible]

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

[illegible]	(2 Classes)	[illegible]
Benjamin Clarke	(2 ")	[illegible]

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

   Need more jobs, Negro regis tration clerks.

1964 Campaign Dates Jan. to April 1964 No. Registered [illegible]

Signed [illegible] Address [illegible] City [illegible]

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Baker COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Baker County Voters League

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Newton City ____

   a. Other Headquarters if any ____

   b. Number of office workers 10 Voluntary Salary Paid None

   c. Number of Canvassers ____ Voluntary ____ Paid ____

   d. Name of director J. Dennis Mae Hall Address Rt. 2, Box 84, Newton, Ga.

3. Dates of Campaigns - From N ov. 1963 to April 22 1964

4. How was the campaign carried out? 10 workers from house

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering ____ Canvassing ____

   Telephone 5,322 Transportation or Car Pool Cars Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity ____ Other ____

5. Estimated county population 1,600 Negroes 2,000 Total Registration 11,700

6. Estimated Negro Registration 600 Registered in 1963 570 1964 30

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   None

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates ____ to ____ 1964 No. Registered ____

Signed J. M. Hall Address Rt. 2, Box 84 City Newton, Ga.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Dougherty COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? SCLC

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Albany Movement City Albany

   a. Other Headquarters if any 534 Moser Street

   b. Number of office workers 3 Voluntary ____ Paid X

   c. Number of Canvassers 30 Voluntary X Paid ____

   d. Name of director Thomas G. Chatman Address 932 Dorsette Ave.

3. Dates of Campaigns - From ____ 1963 to ____ 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Door to door canvassing

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 8 Canvassing 30

   Telephone 10 Transportation or Car Pool 15 Baby Sitting 20

   Publicity 11 Other Speaking 12

5. Estimated county population 75,000 Negroes 33% Total Registration 24,000

6. Estimated Negro Registration 5,600 Registered in 1963 2,000 1964 500

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   Mrs. Carolyn Daniels 10 Students

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

   Difficulties at the registrars office we have problems on identification.

1964 Campaign Dates 12-16-63 to ____ 1964 No. Registered 1,500

Signed S. S. Wells Address 321 Merritt City Albany, Ga.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Dooly COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? ____

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Court House City Vienna

   a. Other Headquarters if any ____

   b. Number of office workers ____ Voluntary ____ Paid ____

   c. Number of Canvassers ____ Voluntary ____ Paid ____

   d. Name of director ____ Address ____

3. Dates of Campaigns - From ____ 1963 to ____ 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? ____

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 3 Canvassing ____

   Telephone ____ Transportation or Car Pool 3 Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity ____ Other ____

5. Estimated county population 8,500 Negroes 6,027 Total Registration ____

6. Estimated Negro Registration 1,500 Registered in 1963 ~~1,100~~ 1964 ~~1,500~~

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates ____ to ____ 1964 No. Registered ____

Signed Elijah Holt Address Rt. 3, Box 151 City Vienna

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Macon COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Marshallville Civic Group

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Marshallville, Ga. City ____

   a. Other Headquarters if any Man Civic Groups Montezuma, Ga.

   Mr. Willie G. Neal ____

   b. Number of office workers ____ Voluntary ____ Paid ____

   c. Number of Canvassers ____ Voluntary ____ Paid ____

   d. Name of director ____ Address ____

3. Dates of Campaigns - From ____ 1963 to ____ 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? ____

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering ____ Canvassing ____

   Telephone ____ Transportation or Car Pool ____ Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity ____ Other ____

5. Estimated county population ____ Negroes ____ Total Registration ____

6. Estimated Negro Registration 600 Registered in 1963 ____ 1964 ____

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates ____ to ____ 1964 No. Registered 30

Signed James E. Fulton Address P. O. Box 166 City Marshallville, Ga.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Muscogee COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Voter Registration Committee

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

   ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS | NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

2. Address of Registration Headquarters 5000½ Ninth St. City Columbus

   a. Other Headquarters if any ____

   b. Number of office workers 4 Voluntary 20 Paid 4

   c. Number of Canvassers 20 Voluntary 20 Paid 4

   d. Name of director Vernon Mitchell Address 5000½ Ninth St.

3. Dates of Campaigns - From ____ 1963 to ____ 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Door to door canvassers

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 24 Canvassing 20

   Telephone ____ Transportation or Car Pool ____ Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity ____ Other ____

5. Estimated county population ____ Negroes ____ Total Registration ____

6. Estimated Negro Registration 8,000 Registered in 1963 ____ 1964 ____

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   I think that Muscogee County have did a wonderful job in the last past year of

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

   I think that Muscogee County have did a wonderful job in the last year of canvassers.

1964 Campaign Dates ____ to ____ 1964 No. Registered ____

Signed Lenston Hately Address 411-C Box Mash City Columbus

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Peach COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Peach County Demo. Club

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
N. A. A. C. P.	Theodore A. Appling
	307 E. Church St.

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Ft. Valley, Ga. City ____

   a. Other Headquarters if any Byron Ga.

   Powerville Ga.

   b. Number of office workers 3 Voluntary None Paid None

   c. Number of Canvassers 60 Voluntary None Paid None

   d. Name of director Mr. T. A. Appling Address 307 E. Church

3. Dates of Campaigns - From 2/7/64 1963 to Mar. 13, 1964 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Thru canvassing, Block workers, Telephone Calls and etc.

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 6 Canvassing 60

   Telephone 3 Transportation or Car Pool 13 Baby Sitting None

   Publicity 2 Other ____

5. Estimated county population ____ Negroes [illegible] Total Registration [illegible]

6. Estimated Negro Registration 2,408 Registered in 1963 ____ 1964 ____

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   N. A. A. C. P. 60

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

   We can't complain about any trouble in registration, it just a matter of getting them out.

1964 Campaign Dates ____ to ____ 1964 No. Registered ____

Signed Mr. T. A. Appling Address 3-7 E. Church City Ga.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Sumter COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Sumter County Movement - SNCC

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

   ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS | NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

2. Address of Registration Headquarters 556 E. Jefferson St. City Americus

   a. Other Headquarters if any ____

   b. Number of office workers 2 Voluntary ____ Paid X (SNCC)

   c. Number of Canvassers 2-35 Voluntary X Paid ____

   d. Name of director Mr. Lennie Evans Address P. O. Box 91, Americus

3. Dates of Campaigns - From ____ 1963 to ____ 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? ____

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 10 Canvassing 35 plus

   Telephone 9 Transportation or Car Pool 4 Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity ____ Other ____

5. Estimated county population 34,000 Negroes 15,500 Total Registration ____

6. Estimated Negro Registration 12,000 Registered in 1963 ____ 1964 ____

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee - 40

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

   Police Harrassment

1964 Campaign Dates ____ to ____ 1964 No. Registered ____

Signed Ben Harris Address 556 E. Jefferson City Americus

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Lee COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Lee County Movement - SNCC

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

2. Address of Registration Headquarters ____ City Smithville

   a. Other Headquarters if any 504 South Madison St. Albany, Ga.

   b. Number of office workers 2 Voluntary ____ Paid X

   c. Number of Canvassers 5-15 Voluntary X Paid ____

   d. Name of director ____ Address ____

3. Dates of Campaigns - From ____ 1963 to ____ 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Door to door canvassing, radio announcements, mass meetings.

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering ____ Canvassing 5-15

   Telephone 5 Transportation or Car Pool 2 Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity ____ Other ____

5. Estimated county population ____ Negroes ____ Total Registration ____

6. Estimated Negro Registration 885 Registered in 1963 ____ 1964 ____

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

   Police harrassment, false traffic violations given to persons taking people down to register

1964 Campaign Dates ____ to ____ 1964 No. Registered ____

Signed Don Harris Address 504 S. Madison City Albany

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Lamar COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Progressive League

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
Amos Whatley, Chairman	14 Jenkin St., Barnesville, Ga.
Joe Fambro, Secy.	Rail Road St., Barnesville, Ga.

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Community Center City Barnesville, Ga.

   a. Other Headquarters if any ____

   b. Number of office workers 2 Voluntary X Paid None

   c. Number of Canvassers 10 Voluntary X Paid NONE

   d. Name of director Amos Whatley Address 14 Jenkin St.

3. Dates of Campaigns - From January 1963 to June 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? House to house canvassing; city and rural areas.

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering ____ Canvassing 10

   Telephone ____ Transportation or Car Pool 9 Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity ____ Other None

5. Estimated county population 7,000 Negroes 4,000 Total Registration 4,000

6. Estimated Negro Registration 964 Registered in 1963 70 1964 59

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   None

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

   None

1964 Campaign Dates January to May 2, 1964 No. Registered 59

Signed Amos Whatley Address 14 Jenkin St. City Barnesville, Ga.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Jones COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes _____ No X

   a. If so, under what name? _____

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration? Men's Civic/Social Club

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIR
Men Civic and Social Club	Hampton Patterson
	Gray, Ga.

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Jones County City Gray, Ga.

   a. Other Headquarters if any _____

   b. Number of office workers _____ Voluntary 3 Paid _____

   c. Number of Canvassers _____ Voluntary 2 Paid _____

   d. Name of director Alonzo Barfield Address R. F. D. 2, Box 97-Gray, Ga.

3. Dates of Campaigns - From June 1963 to December 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? House to house

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering _____ Canvassing 3

   Telephone _____ Transportation or Car Pool _____ Baby Sitting _____

   Publicity _____ Other _____

5. Estimated county population 4,840 VAP Negroes 2,185 Total Registration 2,100

6. Estimated Negro Registration 2,100 Registered in 1963 960 1964 140

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   Men Civic & Social Club

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates Jan. to April 2. 1964 No. Registered 140

Signed Alonzo Barfield Address Gray, Ga. Rt. 2, Box 97 City

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Butts COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes____ No X

   a. If so, under what name? _____

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
Henderson High	
and Elementary Schools	

2. Address of Registration Headquarters _____ City _____

   a. Other Headquarters if any _____

   b. Number of office workers _____ Voluntary _____ Paid _____

   c. Number of Canvassers _____ Voluntary _____ Paid _____

   d. Name of director _____ Address _____

3. Dates of Campaigns - From _____ 1963 to _____ 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Thru High School Students of Registration

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering _____ Canvassing _____

   Telephone _____ Transportation or Car Pool _____ Baby Sitting _____

   Publicity _____ Other _____

5. Estimated county population 9,000 Negroes 4,500 Total Registration 3,200

6. Estimated Negro Registration 1,100 Registered in 1963 70 1964 30

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

Mr. N. E. Walker and	Principal	70
Mr. W. L. Miller	Asst. Principal	30

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

   New people to come in to the county with instruction

1964 Campaign Dates _____ to _____ 1964 No. Registered _____

Signed Annie G. Rees Address Rt. 1, Box 27 City Flovilla

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Meriwether COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Meriwether County

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

   ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS — NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Meriwether City Gramville, Ga.

   a. Other Headquarters if any None

   b. Number of office workers ____ Voluntary 2 Paid ____

   c. Number of Canvassers 2 Voluntary 2 Paid ____

   d. Name of director ____ Address ____

3. Dates of Campaigns - From ____ 1963 to ____ 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? ____

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering ____ Canvassing 2

   Telephone ____ Transportation or Car Pool None Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity ____ Other ____

5. Estimated county population ____ Negroes ____ Total Registration ____

6. Estimated Negro Registration 1,300 Registered in 1963 300 1964 50

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates ____ to ____ 1964 No. Registered ____

Signed W. H. Thomas - Rt. 1 / John T. Reeves - Rt. 1 Address Hogansville, Ga. / Hogansville, Ga. City ____

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Pike COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Pike County Voters Registration

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
Pike County Voters Registration	D. F. Glover
	P. O. Box 272

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Zebulon City Zebulon

   a. Other Headquarters if any ____

   b. Number of office workers ____ Voluntary 25 Paid ____

   c. Number of Canvassers ____ Voluntary 25 Paid ____

   d. Name of director D. F. Glover Address P. O. Box 272

3. Dates of Campaigns - From March 30, 1963 to May 2, 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Door to door, public announcement, Church visitation

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 10 Canvassing 15

   Telephone ____ Transportation or Car Pool 3 Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity 2 Other ____

5. Estimated county population 7,000 Negroes 3,000 Total Registration 3,000

6. Estimated Negro Registration 600 Registered in 1963 225 1964 75

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates March 1, to May 2, 1964 No. Registered 75

Signed (Miss) Lunnie J. Louin Address P. O. Box 272 City Zebulon, Ga.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Spalding COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? N. A. A. C. P; Civic League; Citizen's League

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
Civic League	Mr. A. C. Touchstone, P. O. Box 111
Civic League	Rev. C. H. Stinson, 134 S. 4th St.,
N. A. A. C. P.	Rev. J. C. Simpkins, 202 E. Broad

2. Address of Registration Headquarters _____ City Griffin

   a. Other Headquarters if any _____

   b. Number of office workers _____ Voluntary _____ Paid _____

   c. Number of Canvassers 30 Voluntary X Paid _____

   d. Name of director Mr. Raymond Hood, Jr. Address 434 N. 4th St.

3. Dates of Campaigns - From January 1, 1963 to March 31, 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Through various clubs, organization divided into committees.

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 16 Canvassing 30

   Telephone 15 Transportation or Car Pool 10 Baby Sitting _____

   Publicity 16 Other Young People Committee 4

5. Estimated county population 36,000 Negroes 1,300 Total Registration 9,800

6. Estimated Negro Registration 1,800 Registered in 1963 100 1964 400

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   Mr. A. C. Touchstone 17

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates January 1st to March 31st 1964 No. Registered 400

Signed Sandra Holmes Address 510 Booker St. City Griffin

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Bibb COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? ____

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
Bibb County Coordinating Committee	Inter Denomination Union
Bibb Branch NAACP	

2. Address of Registration Headquarters 845 Forsyth St. City Macon

   a. Other Headquarters if any 1st Baptist Church

   b. Number of office workers 4-8 Voluntary X Paid ____

   c. Number of Canvassers 10-20 Voluntary X Paid ____

   d. Name of director Wm F. Randall Address ~~[illegible]~~ 845 Forsyth St.

3. Dates of Campaigns - From March 1963 to Aug. 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Door to door canvassing, mass meeting announcements, school senior programs

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 12 Canvassing 12

   Telephone 16 Transportation or Car Pool 8 Baby Sitting 4

   Publicity 4 Other Program Committee 4

5. Estimated county population 160,000 Negroes 50,000 Total Registration 42,000

6. Estimated Negro Registration 14,000 Registered in 1963 3,200 1964 800

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   Mr. Primus and Mr. Dutrentha Steward

   45 Student's

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

   There are no worker difficulities in Bibb County except lack of interest in expected places.

1964 Campaign Dates Jan. 1 to Dec. 1964 No. Registered 800

Signed Lewis H. Wynn Address 855 Clinton Pl. City Macon, Ga.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Taliaferro COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Taliaferro County Voters League

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
Taliaferro County Voters League	Calvin Turner
	Rt. 2, Union Point, Ga.

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Friendship B. Church City Crawfordville, Ga.

   a. Other Headquarters if any ____

   b. Number of office workers ____ Voluntary ____ Paid ____

   c. Number of Canvassers 12 Voluntary 12 Paid ____

   d. Name of director ____ Address ____

3. Dates of Campaigns - From 3-18-64 1963 to May 2 1964

4. How was the campaign carried out? County Meetings

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 3 Canvassing 6

   Telephone ____ Transportation or Car Pool 5 Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity ____ Other ____

5. Estimated county population 3,200 Negroes 2,000 Total Registration 1964

6. Estimated Negro Registration 800 Registered in 1963 50 1964 25

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

Elected Superintendent of Schools. To qualify Negro for a member of the board of Commissioner

1964 Campaign Dates 3-18-64 to May 2 1964 No. Registered 25

Signed G. G. Turner Address Rt. 2, Box 83 City Union Point, Ga.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Jefferson COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Citizen League

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

   ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS | NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Masonic Hall City Louisville

   a. Other Headquarters if any ____

   b. Number of office workers 10 Voluntary ____ Paid ____

   c. Number of Canvassers ____ Voluntary ____ Paid ____

   d. Name of director Mr. Odell Hannah Address 516 West 8th Street

3. Dates of Campaigns - From ____ 1963 to ____ 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Excellent

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering ____ Canvassing ____

   Telephone ____ Transportation or Car Pool ____ Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity ____ Other ____

5. Estimated county population 28,000 Negroes 825 Total Registration 800-100

6. Estimated Negro Registration 1,800 Registered in 1963 100 1964 ____

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates ____ to ____ 1964 No. Registered ____

Signed Lewis Smith Address Rt. 1, Box 59 City Louisville, Ga.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Morgan COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No

   a. If so, under what name? Morgan County Civic League

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
Morgan County Civic League	G. C. Williams, Jr.
	P. O. Box 371, Madison (30650)

2. Address of Registration Headquarters 305 Gannay St. City Madison, Ga.

   a. Other Headquarters if any

   b. Number of office workers 5 Voluntary Paid

   c. Number of Canvassers 10 Voluntary Paid

   d. Name of director Nathaniel Davis Address

3. Dates of Campaigns - From May 15 1963 to May 1 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Various meetings called

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 7 Canvassing 15

   Telephone 3 Transportation or Car Pool 5 Baby Sitting

   Publicity 3 Other

5. Estimated county population 10,450 Negroes 4,500 Total Registration 5,000 6,000

6. Estimated Negro Registration 2,000 Registered in 1963 500 1964 225

7. State who conducted Youth citizenship training and give number of students:

Mrs. Leise Jones	38 Sr. and Jr.	
Sr. Class Director	Pearl Sh. High School	

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

Organized Jr. Voters League

All the young people voted during the recent county election - April 1

1964 Campaign Dates Jan 1. to Dec. 15 1964 No. Registered

Signed Mrs. Olivia Willism Address P. O. Box 371 City Madison, Ga.
Morgan County Civic League 30650

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Washington COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1964? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Washington County Young Voters and Reg. League

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Sandersville, City Georgia

   a. Other Headquarters if any ____

   b. Number of office workers ____ Voluntary ____ Paid ____

   c. Number of Canvassers 10 Voluntary 25 Paid ____

   d. Name of director Rev. W. B. Steward Address 310 Hill Crest, St. Sandersville, Ga.

3. Dates of Campaigns - From 3-24-1964 1963 to 4-25-1964 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? ____

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering ____ Canvassing ____

   Telephone 3 Transportation or Car Pool 4 Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity 5 Other 30

5. Estimated county population 19,000 Negroes 10,000 Total Registration 8,000

6. Estimated Negro Registration 8,160 Registered in 1963 ____ 1964 150

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students: 2150 Grand Total

Mr. Tombs Malendon	Washington, Ga. 3/24	10
Mr. J. H. Calhoun	Atlanta, Ga. 4/3	90

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

Regis trat's 4/22/64 County Court House 9am to 1p. m. 90 Negroes were registered

1964 Campaign Dates 2/20/64 to 4/22 1964 No. Registered 150

Signed Rev. W. B. Steward Address 310 Hill Crest City Sandersville, Ga.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Wilkes COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Wilkes County Registration Committee

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
	M. H. Brittain
	210 Peachtree St., Wash-Ga.

2. Address of Registration Headquarters 210 Peachtree St. City Washington, Ga.

   a. Other Headquarters if any None

   b. Number of office workers ____ Voluntary ____ Paid ____

   c. Number of Canvassers ____ Voluntary ____ Paid ____

   d. Name of director ____ Address ____

3. Dates of Campaigns - From January 1963 to April 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Mass Meetings, parties, and etc.

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 10 Canvassing 6

   Telephone 8 Transportation or Car Pool 6 Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity 6 Other ____

5. Estimated county population 6,000 Negroes 4,000 Total Registration 20,000

6. Estimated Negro Registration 450 Registered in 1963 300 1964 150

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   Miss Earline Williams 8

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates Jan. 17 to March 22 1964 No. Registered 150

Signed M. H. Brittain Address P. O. Box 125 City Washington, Ga.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Jasper COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Jasper County Voters League

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

   ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS | NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIR

2. Address of Registration Headquarters 37 S. Warren St. City Monticello

   a. Other Headquarters if any ____

   b. Number of office workers ____ Voluntary ____ Paid ____

   c. Number of Canvassers 20 Voluntary ____ Paid No

   d. Name of director Mrs. G. Van Duren Address 37 S. Warren St., Monticello

3. Dates of Campaigns - From Jan. 1 1963 to May 2 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Yes

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 3 Canvassing 20

   Telephone ____ Transportation or Car Pool ____ Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity 8 Other ____

5. Estimated county population 3,600 Negroes 1,600 Total Registration 2,500

6. Estimated Negro Registration 800 Registered in 1963 50 1964 40

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   Voters League 8

   School 10

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates Jan 1, 1964 to May 2 1964 No. Registered 40

Signed Mrs. G. Van Duren Address 37 S. Warren St. City Monticello, Ga.

Rec'd 3/14/64

MUSCOGEE COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF CAMPAIGN
OCTOBER 20, 1963 - DECEMBER 20, 1963

The committee sought an addition of 3,000 registered voters during this 12 week campaign. The goal was almost attained.

In Columbus 37 per cent of the residents are Negroes. In Muscogee County 42 per cent are Negroes. In Muscogee County, there were 30.2 Negroes of voting age: 18 and over according to a recent report, there were 10,154 Negro Males and 12,395 Negro Females of voting age. A total of this figure showed 22,549 Negroes of voting age combined in city and county. Prior to this voter registration campaign 6,600 Negroes were listed on the voters list for the county. An addition of 2,968 were put on through the last campaign ending Friday, December 20, 1963, giving Muscogee County a total of 9,568 registered Negro voters.

However, this is a poor reflection compared with the potential 22,549 with some 12,981 unregistered.

The Muscogee County Voters Registration Committee will re-open the campaign about the middle of January, but not in full force to try to get a large portion of the 12,981 unregistered voters.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

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ORGANIZATION Muscogee County Voter Registration Committee

PERSON REPORTING Kenon Mitchell

PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM NOV. 4 TO NOV. 9

STREET ADDRESS 5003 - 9th St CITY Columbus COUNTY Muscogee STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: Nov. 12, 68

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC _____

DAY OF THE MONTH: Nov.	1	2	3	4 thru	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS	549			2/5	98	103	10	11	0																						
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS)	41			2/3	1	0	0	0	18																						
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE	279			6/8	32	60	70	41	8																						
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME	0			0	0	0	0	0	0																						
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS	0			0	0	0	0	0	0																						
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES)	0			0	0	0	0	0	0																						
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM	48			16	12	3	9	7	1																						
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT	221			6/6	42	31	23	54	5																						
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT	0			0	0	0	0	0	0																						

*PERSONS OF VOTING AGE

SCLC
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

VOTER REGISTRATION

Progress Report

Rec'd 3/13/64

CITY Columbus Muscogee COUNTY _____ STATE Ga.

DATES Nov. 18 TO Dec 20

Stastical Summary;

No. persons registered 2,968 — From Oct 20 Dec 20

No. persons applying 3000

No. persons contacted 2923 — Nov. 18 Dec 20

Total attendance at V.R. meetings 1021

No. Volunteer Workers approx. 200

No. Paid Workers approx 9

No. Working hours per week 48-50

Description of Voter Registration Program:

Plan of Organization:

Chairman
Director — Civic groups
Clubs — Church — CANVASSERS — Interest group — Social & Civic Clubs

Methods Used to Contact people to Register:

Door to door
Meetings & phone calls
Word by Mouth
Radio wagon

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

VOTER REGISTRATION

Progress Report

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Word by Mouth
Band wagon

Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.)

Poor Cooperation From people in leadership positions and getting finance to carry on programs

Plans for Dealing with Problems:

"PARABLE of the penny-Holder"
Use of Education

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.)

Sponsoring Organization Muscogee County Voters Registration Committee Contact person Vernon Mitchell

ADRESS 600½ - 5th Street PHONE FA 4 3186

Submitted by: Vernon Mitchell

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VOTE EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Rec'd 3/18/64

ORGANIZATION Muscogee County Voters Registration Committee

PERSON REPORTING Vernon Mitchell

PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM Nov. 18 TO Dec. 20

STREET ADDRESS 500½ - 9th St. CITY Columbus COUNTY Muscogee STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: Dec. 21

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 3RD WARD, BEAT, ETC

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
																		Nov.							Nov.						
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS																		260	190	203	169	221	30		211	173	188	171	332	41	
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS)																		Cacher Shops Carpet Retreatments approx. 300													
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE																		none							none						
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME																		Mrs. Brown Instructed approx 160													
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS																		none													
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES)																				none											
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM																				approx 68											
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT																					2965										
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT																						approx. 23									

*PERSONS OF VOTING AGE Was 22,549 Now 12,981

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Recd 3/18/64

ORGANIZATION Muscogee County Voters Registration Committee PERSON REPORTING Vernon Mitchell PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM Nov-18 TO Dec 20

STREET ADDRESS 500½ 9th St. CITY Columbus COUNTY Muscogee STATE Ga. DATE SUBMITTED: Dec. 21, 1963

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC _____

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NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM																															
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Meeting with PTA mothers

*PERSONS OF VOTING AGE Was 22,549 NOW 12,981

April 28, 1964

Mr. Vernon Mitchell
500½ Ninth Street
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Your reports on seven counties: Randolph, Sumpter, Marion, Harris, Talbot, Chattahoochee and Peach have been received, along with an expense voucher for $113.50 covering travel for 2,264 miles.

The reports are very interesting since several of the counties have not been previously heard from. It is noted that there are reported 2,600 Negro registered voters in Sumpter County, with only 300 being registered in 1963. Does this mean that the books are now open and the Registrar is that cooperative, to register nearly 1,800 in 1964. The VEP report shows 548 at the latest previous report. (See attached VEP summary).

The VEP reports 838 registered in Peach County; you indicate 800, yet Mr. Theodore Appling has stated that only 600 were on the books when his drive started in March and now there are some 2,400 Negroes registered in the county. Your report shows 6,000 population in Harris County, of which 3,000 are Negroes, total registration: 11,000, of which 306 are Negroes. VEP shows 263 Negroes registered and your report 180 registered in 1964.

VEP reports 1,830 Negroes of voting age in Chattahoochee County and 17 registered to vote. You show a population of 1,000, of which 348 are Negroes and a total registration of 123 with the number of Negroes registered not indicated.

Randolph County is not now in the Third District but you show an estimated 13,000 total population, of which 4,000 are Negroes, 30,600 total registration, of which 700 are Negroes, 223 of them registered in 1963 and 250 in 1964. VEP reports 423 Negroes registered out of a total of 2,918. In Talbot County you show 523 Negroes registered, 169 in 1963 and 354 in 1964, indicating that none were registered before that time. However, VEP reports that at last reports there were 219 Negroes registered in the county. There are other questions that could be raised.

Inasmuch as these figures are to be used in our reports, we would hope that there would not be such glaring discrepances with reports from other agencies like the VEP and the U. S. Census Bureau. It is therefore requested that you verify your reports before we use the figures. If you wish the reports returned kindly let us know.

In the meantime I deducted 360 miles from you travel voucher inasmuch as you submitted no reports on Tayler and Stewart Counties. The voucher has been approved for $95.50. Even if there is no registration we would like to have reports.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Calhoun, Chairman
STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Muscogee COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Muscogee County Voters Registration Committee

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAI

2. Address of Registration Headquarters 500½ Ninth Street City Columbus

   a. Other Headquarters if any ____

   b. Number of office workers 13 Voluntary 120 Paid 20

   c. Number of Canvassers 113 Voluntary X Paid 48

   d. Name of director Blanche Ross Address Box 5 - Vista Estates

3. Dates of Campaigns - From Feb. 1963 to April 25, 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Excellent

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 10 Canvassing Ex 10

   Telephone 3 Transportation or Car Pool 10 Baby Sitting None

   Publicity 3 Other ____

5. Estimated county population 150,000 Negroes 50,000 Total Registration 39,000

6. Estimated Negro Registration 10,000 Registered in ~~1963~~ 1964 3000

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   Mrs. Elsie Brown - 12 Students

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates Feb. to April 25 1964 No. Registered 3,000

Signed Vernon Mitchell Address 500½ Ninth Street City Columbus

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Peach COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Peach County Voters Committee

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
	T. A. Appling

2. Address of Registration Headquarters 307 East Chruch St. City Ft. Valley

   a. Other Headquarters if any ____

   b. Number of office workers ____ Voluntary 18 Paid None

   c. Number of Canvassers ____ Voluntary ____ Paid ____

   d. Name of director Principal Bryant Address ____

3. Dates of Campaigns - From ____ 1963 to ____ 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? ____

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 4 Canvassing 18

   Telephone ____ Transportation or Car Pool ____ Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity ____ Other ____

5. Estimated county population ____ Negroes ____ Total Registration ____

6. Estimated Negro Registration 800 Registered in 1963 124 1964 ____

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates ____ to ____ 1964 No. Registered ____

Signed ____ Address ____ City ____

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Chattahoochee COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes _____ No X

   a. If so, under what name? _____

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?- Rev. R. C. Carter

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
	McNaughtan St. - Cusseta, Ga.

2. Address of Registration Headquarters _____ City _____

   a. Other Headquarters if any _____ _____

   b. Number of office workers 4 Voluntary 4 Paid No

   c. Number of Canvassers 4 Voluntary _____ Paid No

   d. Name of director _____ Address _____

3. Dates of Campaigns - From Feb. 64 ~~1963~~ to ~~now~~ April 64 ~~1963~~

4. How was the campaign carried out? Door to door in the small community by four people.

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering _____ Canvassing _____

   Telephone _____ Transportation or Car Pool 2 Baby Sitting _____

   Publicity None Other _____

5. Estimated county population 1,000 Negroes 348 Total Registration 123

6. Estimated Negro Registration _____ Registered in 1963 _____ 1964 _____

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates _____ to _____ 1964 No. Registered _____

Signed _____ Address _____ City _____

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Marion COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Buena Vista Civic and Social Club

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
	John Storey, President

2. Address of Registration Headquarters _____ City Buena Vista

   a. Other Headquarters if any _____

   b. Number of office workers None Voluntary 12 Paid None

   c. Number of Canvassers 8 Voluntary 12 Paid None

   d. Name of director John Storey Address P. O. Box 23 - Buena Vista

3. Dates of Campaigns - From Feb. 64 ~~1963~~ to April 64 ~~1963~~

4. How was the campaign carried out? Met and compared to what has been we registered 249 Negroes

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering ____ Canvassing 8

   Telephone ____ Transportation or Car Pool 8 Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity ____ Other ____

5. Estimated county population 9,000 Negroes 4,000 Total Registration 2,463

6. Estimated Negro Registration 484 Registered in 1963 ____ 1964 249

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates Jan. 64 to April 1964 No. Registered 249

Signed _____ Address _____ City _____

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Harris COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes _____ No X

   a. If so, under what name? _____

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
Harris County Garden Club	Theodore Bowen

2. Address of Registration Headquarters McMiller Park City Hamilton, Ga.

   a. Other Headquarters if any _____

   b. Number of office workers No Voluntary 8 Paid No

   c. Number of Canvassers 8 Voluntary 8 Paid No

   d. Name of director Harrison Miller Address P. O. Box 2 - Hamilton, Ga.

3. Dates of Campaigns - From Jan. 64 ~~1963~~ to April 64 ~~1963~~

4. How was the campaign carried out? Citizens were contacted throu telephone conversaaion and carried to the county to register

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 8 Canvassing _____

   Telephone 4 Transportation or Car Pool 2 Baby Sitting _____

   Publicity _____ Other _____

5. Estimated county population 6,000 Negroes 3,000 Total Registration 11,000

6. Estimated Negro Registration 306 Registered in 1963 _____ 1964 180

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates Jan. to April 1964 No. Registered 180

Signed Theodore Bowen Address McMiller Park City Hamilton, Ga.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Sumpter COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? SNCC

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN
	Don Harris

2. Address of Registration Headquarters 536 E. Jefferson St. City America

   a. Other Headquarters if any ____

   b. Number of office workers 28 Voluntary 52 Paid None

   c. Number of Canvassers ____ Voluntary ____ Paid ____

   d. Name of director ____ Address ____

3. Dates of Campaigns - From ____ 1963 to ____ 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Canvassing - car pools, meetings, club participation and crash program

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 8 Canvassing 28

   Telephone ____ Transportation or Car Pool 12 Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity 2 Other ____

5. Estimated county population ____ Negroes ____ Total Registration ____

6. Estimated Negro Registration 2,600 Registered in 1963 300 1964 ____

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates ____ to ____ 1964 No. Registered ____

Signed ____ Address ____ City ____

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Talbot COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Talbot County Crusade For Voters

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

2. Address of Registration Headquarters Lamar Funeral City Talbotton, Ga.

   a. Other Headquarters if any ____

   b. Number of office workers 1 Voluntary 18 Paid 2

   c. Number of Canvassers 28 Voluntary 28 Paid None

   d. Name of director John T. Little Address P. O. Box 23 - Talbotton, Ga.

3. Dates of Campaigns - From March 9 1963 to April 28 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Successfully

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 4 Canvassing 15

   Telephone 2 Transportation or Car Pool ____ Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity 1 Other ____

5. Estimated county population 8,000 Negroes 5,000 Total Registration 1,300

6. Estimated Negro Registration 523 Registered in 1963 169 1964 354

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   None

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

1964 Campaign Dates Mar. 9, 64 to April 28, 1964 No. Registered 523

Signed Henry Lamar Address Lamar Funeral City Talbotton, Ga.

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING REPORT FOR Randolph COUNTY

1. Was there a county-wide or coordinated program in 1963? Yes X No ____

   a. If so, under what name? Cuthbert Civic Club

   b. If not, what organizations conducted voter-registration?

   ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS | NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN

   ____ ____

   ____ ____

2. Address of Registration Headquarters ____ City Cuthbert

   a. Other Headquarters if any ____ ____

   b. Number of office workers 1 Voluntary 6 Paid None

   c. Number of Canvassers 3 Voluntary 3 Paid None

   d. Name of director Jacob Freeney Address P. O. Box 124 - Cuthbert, Ga.

3. Dates of Campaigns - From Oct. 1963 to Dec. 1963

4. How was the campaign carried out? Canvassing, car pool - with a crash program in April

   a. No. of persons serving on committees: Steering 8 Canvassing 6

   Telephone 1 Transportation or Car Pool 6 Baby Sitting ____

   Publicity 1 Other ____

5. Estimated county population 13,000 Negroes 4,000 Total Registration 30,600

6. Estimated Negro Registration 700 Registered in 1963 223 1964 250

7. State who conducted citizenship training and give number of students:

   ____ ____

8. Remarks: (Outstanding work, difficulties, complaints, suggestions, needs, recommendations, etc. Use reverse side if necessary)

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1964 Campaign Dates Oct. 1963 to April 1964 No. Registered ____

Signed ____ Address ____ City ____

N.Y. Times

CAMBRIDGE, MD., GETS NEW THREAT

Negroes to Resume Protests Unless Talks Continue

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS
Special to The New York Times

CAMBRIDGE, Md., June 18 — Hundreds of Negroes roared their approval tonight of a decision to renew demonstrations and "march over the National Guard if necessary" if city officials do not resume negotiations by 8 P.M. tomorrow night.

The Negroes met in a church and heard a report from a committee that conferred with Justice Department officials this afternoon.

Reginald Robinson, a field director of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, reported that Burke Marshall, assistant attorney general, had told him the Justice Department was prepared to investigate the entire Cambridge situation, and "if it is necessary the Federal Government will come in."

"By 8 o'clock tomorrow night, if they are not talking, then we move," Mr. Robinson declared. The crowd stamped its feet and roared approval.

A preceding speaker, Dwight Eisenhower Campbell of Philadelphia, an executive member of the Congress of Racial Equality, told the crowd that "downtown belongs to the Negro as well as the white." "We are going to walk over the National Guard," he said.

Patrol Continues

Guardsmen, some of them Negroes, and state policemen blocked off streets leading to the church and allowed no white persons to go through unless they carried special passes. The guardsmen also maintained a tight patrol of downtown streets.

Earlier, a woman leader of the Negro community issued the most bitter statement of the desegregation campaign.

Mrs. Gloria Richardson, of the Cambridge Nonviolent Action Committee, accused city officials of "plotting like Judas and resorting to political manipulation of a grave moral issue in this city."

Mrs. Richardson then left for Washington for the conference with Justice Department officials.

A 10 P.M. curfew was in effect. Steel-helmeted guardsmen stood on every downtown street corner to enforce it, and they watched all motor entrances to the city.

City officials broke off negotiations with the Negro group yesterday, charging that a Negro spokesman had uttered threats that made interracial talks futile. Meanwhile, the bar association and other groups were reported in session trying to get the negotiations resumed.

Mrs. Richardson reacted sharply to a statement of city officials that any Negro negotiating group would have to include Charles Cornish, a Negro member of the council.

"We wish to make it unalterably clear," Mrs. Richardson's statement said, "that we will determine, and not the political structure of the city, who shall speak for the Negro community. The day has ended in America when any white persons can determine our leaders and spokesmen."

Mayor Calvin W. Mowbray said in a statement yesterday that it was useless to continue negotiations in view of a statement by Philip Savage, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mr. Savage told a church meeting Saturday that he could bring 10,000 demonstrators into Cambridge by Friday if his terms were not accepted. Mr. Savage later denied that this constituted a threat.

Mrs. Richardson, referring to the termination of talks, said:

"On Sunday, a day when all men should have turned to God for direction and moral guidance in this crisis, we find instead, the city fathers were plotting like Judas and resorting to political manipulation of a grave moral issue in this city.

"During the past few days we have made it emphatically clear to all that we were willing to meet anywhere, any time, even around the clock, to negotiate a complete and fair solution to the injustices presently endured by one-third of the city's population, which is Negro."

"The city officials know what our just demands are. We want an immediate end to racial discrimination in public accommodations, employment and schools and the release of the two juveniles who are held in the state reformatory for engaging in protest demonstrations. Whether or not these demands will be met is a question left for answering not only by the city officials but also by the entire population of this city."

Associated Press Wirephoto

CHARGES PLOTTING: Mrs. Gloria Richardson of the Cambridge Nonviolent Action Committee reading statement scoring officials of troubled Maryland city.

Troopers Sent to Savannah

Special to The New York Times

SAVANNAH, Ga., June 17— Mayor Malcolm MacLean asked Gov. Carl E. Sanders to send in state troopers today as Negro demonstrations were resumed. Fifty-two troopers will report here immediately, the Mayor said.

In a statement the Mayor said: "Every effort has been and will continue to be made to preserve property and personal rights even if doing this requires asking the Governor to invoke martial law."

This action was taken, the Mayor said, in response to petitions from white citizens asking that the Georgia trespass law be enforced.

Under the law, any property owner may ask authorities to remove trespassers from his property. This law has been invoked many times during the 16 days of sit-ins by Negroes that resulted in the arrest of some 350 demonstrators.

The demonstrations were suspended over the weekend but resumed today.

Some 200 Negroes marched to the Chamber of Commerce in downtown Savannah today.

Members of the police riot squad armed with shotguns and tear gas bombs stood by, as did white and Negro policemen. But they made no attempt to interfere.

The demonstrations were suspended last Friday when the Chamber of Commerce recommended desegregation of all businesses "soliciting business from the public" and appointed a committee to negotiate between the Negroes and businessmen.

But Hosea Williams, a leader of the Negroes said:

"We are resuming demonstrations because I found out this morning that the committee has nothing to offer us."

He said the "white citizens" of Savannah had failed to support the recommendations of the Chamber of Commerce.

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Savannah

SOUTHEASTERN GEORGIA CRUSADE FOR VOTERS DECEMBER 1963

458½ WEST BROAD STREET

SAVANNAH, GA. 31401

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TO: REV. ANDREW J. YOUNG, VOTER EDUCATION DIRECTOR SCLC, 334 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E., ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

FROM: HOSEA L. WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF SGCV, SCLC SPECIAL PROJECT, 458½ W. BROAD STREET, ROOM 209, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401

SUBJECT: VOTER REGISTRATION REPORT OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS NOVEMBER 10 TO DECEMBER 10, 1963

WE HAVE PURPOSELY DELAYED OUR OFFICIAL KICK-OFF FOR OUR VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WHICH HAS A GOAL OF 6,000. THE FIRST REASON WE DELAYED THE OFFICIAL KICK-OFF WAS TO ALLOW AN ORGANIZED GROUP OF CITIZENS (SEE ATTACHMENT #1) A CHANCE TO UNIFY THE EFFORTS OF ALL NEGROES BEHIND THE REGISTRATION DRIVE. THE CHATHAM COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS FELT THIS WAS NECESSARY DUE TO THE FACT THE SAVANNAH BRANCH NAACP JUST COMPLETED A 90 DAY VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE WHERE LESS THAN 300 NEGROES WERE REGISTERED TO VOTE.

THE SECOND REASON WE DELAYED OUR OFFICIAL KICK-OFF WAS TO ELIMINATE CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE NEGRO COMMUNITY AND THE CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTRARS. THE LAST STATE LEGISLATURE PASSED THE BILL WHICH ALLOWS REGISTRARS IN COUNTIES WITH A 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION TO REGISTER CITIZENS AT PLACES IN THE COUNTY OTHER THAN THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE. THE CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTRARS KNEW THE CRUSADE FOR VOTERS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT LEGISLATION; YET, THEY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE NEGRO COMMUNITY BY SETTING UP THREE (3) TEMPORARY REGISTRATION OFFICES CONCENTRATING ALL OF THEM IN CONSERVATIVE WHITE NEIGHBORHOODS.

THE CCCV HAS MADE A STRENUOUS ATTEMPT TO GET THE REGISTRAR'S TO SET UP ONE DAY PER WEEK IN EACH OF THE TWO MAJOR NEGRO COMMUNITIES IN OUR COUNTY. WE ALSO TRIED TO GET THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE TO TO KEEP THE REGISTRATION OFFICE OPEN AT LEAST TWO NIGHTS PER WEEK UNTIL 8:00 PM OR 9:00 PM. I AM SORRY TO REPORT OUR DEALS WITH THE CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTRARS WERE TO NO AVAIL.

THE CCCV, THEN, TRIED WORKING THE ABOVE PROGRAMS THROUGH LOCAL POLITICIANS. THE ONLY CONCESSION HAS BEEN MADE UP TO THIS TIME IS THE POLITICIANS AGREED TO HOLD THE COURTHOUSE OPEN NIGHTLY DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL. THIS OFFER WAS REJECTED BECAUSE WE MUST DO SOMETHING IMMEDIATELY. WE ARE NOT GOING TO GIVE UP! WE WILL CONTINUE EXERTING PRESSURE UNTIL SOME SUITABLE AGREEMENT IS REACHED BETWEEN THE CCCV AND THE REGISTRATION OFFICE

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1963, THE CCCV HAD ITS PRE-KICK-OFF VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE. AT THIS POINT WE ARE OPERATING THE FOLLOWING STRUCTURE:

CHURCH COMMITTEE - BEING CHAIRED JOINTLY BY REV. R. RICHARDS, 107 WEST STREET, AD 3-1608, PASTOR OF GAINES CHAPEL AME (721 W. GWINNETT ST.) AND REV. HENRY F. GRANT, 213½ W. PARK AVENUE, AD 2-5519, PASTOR OF NEWLIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH (HUNTINGTON AND BARNARD ST.) REV. RICHARDS IS WORKING WITH ALL NON-BAPTIST CHURCHES AND REV. GRANT IS WORKING WITH ALL BAPTIST CHURCHES. THEY ARE WORKING THROUGH THE PASTORS OF THE CHUBCHES BY SETTING UP A SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE IN EACH CHURCH COMPOSED OF A MEMBER OF EACH AUXILIARY OF THE CHURCH.

SCHOOL AND PTA COMMITTEE - CO-CHAIRED BY MRS. HENRIETTA SANTOS, HOUSEWIFE, 312 W. 46TH STREET, AD 2-7025 AND MR. BANJAMIN VAN CLARKE, 416 WEST PARK AVE., AD 3-8127. MR. CLARKE WILL REGISTER ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING THE FOUR HIGH SCHOOLS ABOVE THE AGE OF 18. MRS. SANTOS IS WORKING THROUGH THE PRESIDENTS OF THE PTA'S WITH COMMITTEES COMPOSED OF THE CLASS MOTHERS.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE- BEING CHAIRED BY MRS. IDA S. MACK, HOUSEWIFE, 935 FELLWOOD HOMES, AD 6-7389. MRS. MACK HAS A ROSTER OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS (EXCLUDING ORGANIZED LABOR) IN CHATHAM COUNTY. SHE IS WORKING THROUGH THE PRESIDENTS SETTING UP SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEES WITHIN EACH ORGANIZATION THAT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTERING ALL MEMBERS AND GETTING EACH ORGANIZATION TO ADOPT IN ITS BY-LAWS THAT ALL MEMBERS MUST AT LEAST HAVE TRIED TO REGISTER.

HOUSING PROJECT COMMITTEE - BEING CHAIRED BY MRS. LILLIAN ROBINSON, HOUSEWIFE, 725 YAMACRAW VILLAGE, AD 4-6148. MRS. ROBINSON WILL WORK THROUGH PRESIDENTS OF THE RESPECTIVE HOUSING PROJECT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND SHE WILL ALSO SUPERVISE A BLOCK-WORKERS' PROGRAM IN EACH PROJECT.

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BUSINESS COMMITTEE - WE HAVE NOT FILLED THIS POSITION AS YET; ALTHOUGH, WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL APPLICATIONS. THIS POSITION ENTAILS WORKING WITH ALL OF THE NEGRO BUSINESSES AND BUSINESSES THAT EMPLOY NEGROES THAT ARE SYMPATHETIC TO JUSTICE.

ORGANIZED LABOR - WE ALSO HAVE NOT FILLED THIS POSITION BUT HAVE APPLICATIONS. EACH LOCAL WILL BE REQUESTED TO SET UP A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE FOR REGISTERING THEIR NON-REGISTERED MEMBERS, RESPECTIVELY.

AREA CHAIRMEN - THE COUNTY HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO 25 AREAS. EVALUATING OUR LAST SURVEY, WE ARE SIGNING BLOCK WORKER SUPERVISORS TO ONLY 10 AREAS. AT THIS POINT, MRS. REBECCA JENKINS, HOUSEWIFE, 405 E. PERRY ST., AD 4-1957; MRS. MABLE DAWSON, HOUSEWIFE, 607 W. 59TH ST., AD 3-0633; MRS. ADLINE BRADSHAW, HOUSEWIFE, 1408 CHURCH ST., AD 2-8238; MRS. DORA BURKE, HOUSEWIFE, 2029 EPPINGER ST., AD 6-9777; MRS. CHARLOTTE DAWSON, HOUSEWIFE, 610 W. 61ST ST., AD 3-0465; MRS. ALICE DUPREE, HOUSEWIFE, 652 E. 34TH ST., AD 3-6806 HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO AREAS.

STREET CORNER COMMITTEE - BEING CHAIRED BY MR. LESTER HANKERSON, 509½ W. WALDBURG, AD 3-8127. MR. HANKERSON IS WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE SAVANNAH AREA AMONG THE NIGHT CLUB GOERS, POOL SHOOTERS, BAR ATTENDERS AND STREET CORNER BOYS. MR. HANKERSON WILL SPEND FULL TIME VISITING THE ABOVE-TYPE PLACES ENCOURAGING GROUPS TO GO REGISTER THEN AND THERE. AT THIS POINT, HE WILL HAVE THE SERVICES OF FUNERAL PARLORS, MINISTERS, AND BUSINESSES FOR TRANSPORTATIONAL PURPOSES.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE - BEING CHAIRED BY MR. HENRY BROWNLEE, 511 W. BOLTON ST., AD 4-1271 OR AD 3-8127. MR. BROWNLEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE AS ASSIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR. THEY WILL ENTAIL MAKING AND PLACING VOTER REGISTRATION DISPLAYS IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES.

HEADQUARTER'S SECRETARY - MISS VIOLA DE LOACH, 322 PRICE ST., AD 6-6662. MISS DE-LOACH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TYPING, MIMEOGRAPHING AND GENERAL OFFICE WORK.

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OUR PROGRAM IS NEARLY COMPLETE BUT THERE ARE OTHER ADDITIONS INCLUDING THE COURTHOUSE WORKER THAT WILL BE ADDED ON THE FIRST OF JANUARY.

YOU WILL RECEIVE LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITY REPORT AND EXPENSE VOUCHER UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

ENCLOSURES

DECEMBER 9, 1963

SUMMIT MEETING AMONG NEGROES IN CHATHAM COUNTY CALLED TO ORDER

SERIOUS-MINDED ATTENDANCE LISTEN TO CURTIS V. COOPER

The attempt to re-unite civil rights fighters in Chatham County by Hosea L. Williams, president of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters and and announced leader of recent non-violent direct action demonstrations in Savannah which were terminated by the integration of many local hotels, motels and theaters that cost Dr. Martin Luther King's SCLC thousands of dollars, got off to a slow start. Most of the time was spent diagnosing the problem rather than offering a cure.

A committee was formed under the leadership of Dr. P. W. Cooper to investigate the split between the NAACP and the CCCV and make an effort to re-unite the two groups. The elected officials of the NAACP were invited but they did not attend the meeting.

Dr. Cooper, chairman of the "Unity Committee" told the crowd "we must settle this problem." We, the people, will try to get the heads of these two organizations back together, but if they don't respond, we will just have to find new leadership. The committee is having a series of closed meetings and will call another public meeting in the very near future.

Proposal made by the chairman, Dr. Phillip W. Cooper to the Citizens Committee on Unity at their meeting on December 2, 1963 for the committee's evaluation and consideration.

Citizens Committee On Unity

As chairman of the committee on unity, I submit the following proposals for your evaluation:

1. That Joint Bi-Monthly meetings of the N.A.A.C.P. and Crusade for Voters be held in the various churches of the city. These meetings are to be presided over alternately by the respective organizations.
2. That the receipts from these meetings be divided equally between the two organizations.
3. That the function of the Crusade For Voters be confined to Voter Registration, Political Education, Sponsoring of Political Candidates, Voter Schools, Getting Voters to the Polls, Keeping check on Political Candidates, Political Rallies, etc, and other activities within its charter.
4. That the function of the N.A.A.C.P. be kept within its charter.
5. That no demonstrations, boycotts, sit-ins or other controversial activities, by either the parent bodies or their respective youth groups, take place without the majority vote (by secret ballot) of the respective Board of Directors of each organization. In the event of a deadlock the Citizens Committee on Unity would cast the deciding vote.
6. That the parent body of each organization be held directly responsible for the activities of their youth councils.
7. That both organizations cease and desist *immediately* in alternating Negroes against each other on the basis of differences in economical or social status.
8. That a permanent committee on unity be maintained to see that the adopted proposals are adhered to, to serve as a grievance committee and as a mediation body.
9. That in the event the N.A.A.C.P. or Crusade for Voters refuse to accept and abide by the adopted proposals on unity, then the proposals be made public in the news media and the public be asked to withdraw their support financially. and by the use of their churches until such a time an agreement is reached. That the National body be appraised of our action and why.
10. That these agreements become effective when ratified by the majority vote of the respective board of directors.
11. That no new organization be created in an attempt to bypass the N.A.A.C.P. or Crusade For Voters.
12. That joint committees representing the N.A.A.C.P. and Crusade For Voters be maintained for negotiation, job placement and training opportunities.

PHILLIP W. COOPER, *Chairman*

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Please Read

416 West Park Avenue
Savannah, Georgia
November 19, 1963

Dear Friend;

I address you as friend because I know you are my friend. We don't always see eye to eye, but we are still friends.

You have been chosen as one of the 800 Negro citizens who control our community. Therefore, I am inviting you to take part in a summit meeting.

I know you are just as concerned about the Negroe's welfare as I am. We've made our respective contributions. None of us have a monopoly.

The Negroes in our community have been burdened with another unjust tribulation. He is now giving the enemy a stick to crack his head. This was shown during last summer's demonstrations. It was shown again in the failure of the recent VOTER-REGISTRATION Drive sponsored by the local NAACP. It is being shown in the excessive convictions demonstrators are receiving.

Some define it as a SPLIT, BREAK, DIVISION, CRACK, SNAP OR REND. I believe you feel as I do, whatever it is, we NEGROES must RE-U-NITE. I believe you will agree, it makes no difference who caused the split, we MUST get back together.
I am forgetting my pride and I am willing to accept any type of criticism. ALL I WANT IS FOR YOU TO ATTEND A SUMMIT MEETING, FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 22, 1963, 8:00 P.M. BUTLER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WEST VICTORY DRIVE AND BURROUGHS STREET.

This meeting is being called to get the Negro community back together. Atlanta Negroes did it, so can we. Please bring anyone you feel can help. In the event you cannot attend, please call the office AD 38127.

It is the Crusade for Voters' hope, out of this group, not only can we RE-UNITE the Negro Community, but we can elect a group that can truly speak for all the Negroes when it comes to voting, demonstrations, jobs, boycotts, etc.

In God We Trust,

Hosea L. Williams

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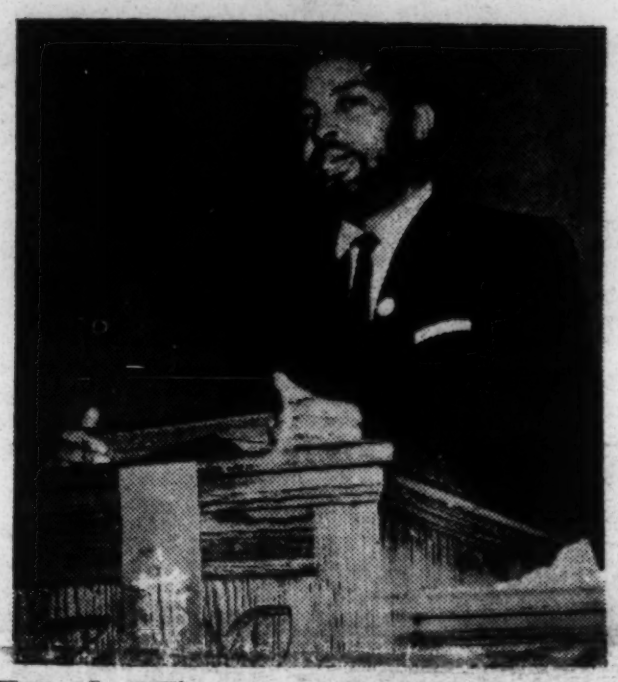
Did White Folks Or Negroes Send Me To Jail

Why Many Ministers Crucified The Crusaders



By Hosea L. Williams

INTEGRATION LEADER BENJAMIN VAN CLARKE GIVES $170.00 SMILE

The Sueders Social Club commits a real worthwhile social act by contributing $100 to FREEDOM roaher throwing a party for the boys. The above photo shows officers of the Sueders happily contributing to integrationist Benjamin Van Clark their $100 contribution for Freedom plus a $70 check (see story on page 7) from the Women's Freedom Club of the Sugar Refinery Quarters. Frank King, president of the Sueders Social Club said "we all agreed, we have bought too much fun and not enough freedom. therefore, the Sueders have decide to leod the way with the hopes that other social clubs will follow. If the CRUSADERS FOR FREEdom can be beaten, gassed

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By Hosea L. Williams

First, I would like to say THE REAL LEADERS OF the NEGRO PEOPLE ARE THIR PREACHRS AND TEACHERS. At least this is the way it has been since the days of slavery. History tells us the original leaders and teachers of the American Negro was the PREACHER. Realizing that the true leadership of Negroes is vested in their preachers and teachers, the Crusaders FREEDOM NOW MOVEMENT had no intention of challenging this well-recognized power. Yet, the movement caused many church doors to be closed to our meetings. Only three ministers were able to take part in all activities of the movement later two of these three were pressured out of full participation. There were two other ministers able to be in attendance at our nightly mass meetings but not actively in the movement.

I have always said Negroes have too many churches for the number of qualified leaders. Then came the demonstrations and I found

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By Hosea L. Williams

The segregaionist's only strength is our weakness. Negroes in Chatham County had their chance. We could have been free. Three months ago FREEDOM confronted us and we just were not ready. We were not prepared and we forsook our forefathers, those that made it possible for us to be free. I am speaking of the black men. Those that made it possible for us ever to be free. I am speaking of the black men, women and children that absorbed the rawhide whip lashes of the slave masters. Those lashes that left their bodies paining with the sting of death, gashed and bleading like the springs of the Nile. I know many of them must have turned over in their graves and said "My God forgive them for they know not what they do", when the NCAAP published a paid ad in the Savannah Morning News, Sunday, June 23. (See Page 5.)

This was the ODDEST event of the whole FREEDOM-NOW MOVEMENT. A Withholding Patronage Campaign was in progress against the Savannah Morning News and Evening Press bectuse of their stand against CHRISTIANITY and DEMOCRACY. The campaign was called after meeting with the executive and managing editors. The exclusion of Negroes from their social page over-playing crime among Negroes, slanting of news dealing with racial issues, suppressing and blotting out news, proving progress among Negroes and failing to support any positive action dealing with the granting of civil rights to Negroes, was discussed to no avail. Yet, Mr. W. W. Law and his group, not only spoke out in the defense of the segregationist paper, but gave them

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Chatham Registrars Use New Law To Block Negro Registration

By Willie (Chief Captain) BOLDEN

Chatham County is one of the hardest counties in the First U. S. Congressional District of Georgia for a Negro to register and vote. This is nothing new. The registration clerks have always required more of Negroes than whites. Many Negroes have been forced to take Georgia's "un-passable" illiterate test, for mispronouncing one word or stubling over words like militia, insurrection, prosecution and disparage. These same individuals read newspapers, Sunday School books and voter-registration material in the Crusade for Voters office, many were property owners. They declare and pay their own taxes, but they are denied an opportunity to register. There is no doubt in my mind, a great injustice is being done to many Negro citizens by the county registrars. I say "Registrars" because they are responsible for the action of their clerks. The Crusade for Voters complained directly to the Board of Register. It was like talking to a brick wall.

I admit, Negroes are very nedvous when they attempt to register the first time. You might say they have a chip on their shoulders. Well, who put the chip there? Why would registrating to vote make Negroes nervous. In other words, we admit the illness, will the registrars admit the cause? No. because they are the cause. They condone and abet the cause; IMPATIENCE, DISCOURTESY, and HOSTILITY.

The chief registrar, Attorney Charles Debele, let "the cat out of the bog. in a

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CHATHAM'E REGISTRARS USE EW LAW TO BLOCK NEGROES' VOTING STREN

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meeting with the Crusade for Voters he tried to 'sugar-coat' how discourteous he is to Negroes trying to register. He said "this 72 year old Negro woman came up and tried to register. She was so nervous, I tried to help her. I told her NOW GIRL, JUST TAKE YOUR TIME." Obviously, he is so uninformed he did not realize how disrespectful his help was. Calling a 72 year old woman GIRL. Can you imagine how a 72 year old woman must have felt when the chief registrar, who is young enough to be her son called her GIRL.

During the last term of the State Legislature, a law was passed allowing counties with populations over 100,000 to set up temporary registration offices over the county. This bill allows registrar to register votehs at places other than their official registration office. It makes registratioin possible for citizens finding it inconvenient to go all the way downtown: It was also designed to make registration convenient for those citizens working for their livelyhood the same hours as the registration affice is open to register. Take the following example: A citizen employed between the hours of 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. at Victory Drive and Ogeechee Road, from Monday through Friday would have to lose at least two hours from work to go down town and register, Because the registration office is only open during his working hours. Under the new law, the Board of Registrars could set up a temporary registration one day per week on the West Side. This would allow the citizens working at Victory Drive and Ogeechee Road to run over and get registered during lunch hour. Even if he had to take some tine from work. Think of how many citizens could register to vote and how much money could be saved by the registrants, by not having to lose time from work.

Obviously, the Board of Registrars isn't concerned about giving Negro registrants an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER. Under the new law, the Board has set up three temporary offices in Chatham County the third largest county in Georgia: one each in Garden City, Thunderbolt, on the Intermediate Road. All three of these sections are almost totally white. The one in Thunderbolt and the one on Intermediate Road are in the same part of the county. Why two in that section of the county and none in the West nor Southwest part of the county? These areas are heavily populated with Negroes Why not move the temporary registration offices around in all parts of the county. Why not give all sections of the county an equal opportunity under the law. Take the East Side of town nad the West Side of town and the West Side 40,000 Negroes live. They should have access to temporary registration offices. They are American citizens. They pay taxes, take up arms in the defense of this country and obey the laws of the Constitution of America.

A conference with the chief registrar in this injustice proved fatal. He claims there are no public buildings in those areas we pleaded for and said the county did not have money to rent any office space. The Crusade for Voters offered to acquire free office space in churches, schools, etc, and then we found out the truth. The Chief Registrar just doesn't want to give Negroes an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY to register to vote.

The Crusade for Voters even tried to get the Chief Registrar to keep the dawntown registration office open on Saturday until 12:00 noon or unutil 9:00 P. M. a couple of days each week. Most of the larger counties in Georgia are making this sacrifice in order to allow the working people a chance to register without losing time from work.

The chief registrar's objection to keepink the courthouse open late certain nights each week in order to allow the working people a chance to register without losing lime from their jobs was "eight hours work is plenty for the pay our clerks receive".

We informed the chief registrar that it was possible to get extra pay for extra work by the clerks from the county commissioners, but he still refused to give and consideration to the idea. Could it be that the chief registrar knows 86 per cent of the Negro people in Chatham county are laborers employed between the hours of 9:00 ano 5:00 and are not willing to lose time from their jobs to get registered because of their, already small income. But would register if the registration office was open after working hours.

YOU BE THE JUDGE.

The School Lunch Program, administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service, is now in its 17th year.

The School Lunch Program operates in 68,000 public and private schools, feeds balanced, nutritious lunches to some 16,000,000 children.

The National School Lunch Program each year provides 2.7 billion lunches to school youngsters.

Psoriasis derives its name from the Greek word psora, meaning itch.

The American Medical Association reports that arthritis still is the chief cause of crippling disabilities among Americans.

The American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation says parents should insist that their children walk or cycle to school if the distance is not more than two miles.

A WHITE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER SHAMES MY CONGREGATION

Benjamin Van Clark

It isn't ofter that I have the pleasure to attend services at my church on Sunday because of so few Negroes who are willing to help with the day to day operation of our office, the Crusade for Voters, 410 West Park Ave., Savannah, Ga. But on last Sunday November 3, 1963. I decided to forego my business until I had received some spiritual guidance that we all need in a movement of this type.

When I arrived at the church, many of our members had already assembled and were awaiting the beginning of the service. The members of my church are the aristocrats of the Savannah Society. They are the school teachers, principals, the doctors, the dentists, and the postal workers, Many of them are self employed with a flourishing business of Negro trade.

I can count the number of members of my church on my right hand who actively participate in the Freedom Movement and because of this I rarely associate with even the younger members. It is my contention, "Like father like son".

Maybe it was the work of God that took me to Victory Drive and Burroughs street last Sunday to hear Dr. William Henderson, Director of Vocation for the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. Dr. Henderson, in no uncertain terms, shamed the members of Butler Presbyterian Church. He told them the story of Rip Van Kinkle. This man, he said, had slept for some twenty long yeors on the mountain side and great changes had taken place. The little village in which he had been born was no longer a colony of the British king. It was now a part of the United States of America. While Rip had been sleeping peacefully, a fierce war had been fought. Don't you be another Rip Van Winkle, he said. Rip slept through a revolution, you are now a part of a revolution too. But, the thing that made me happy was his final statement. "There is a place for you in the movement. I know many mistakes were made in your movement here in Savannah, but if you were out there helping to direct things, those mistakes might not have occurred. No matter what your profession, there is a place for you in the struggle.

He went on further to say "My own three sons are active and right now my younger son is in Mississippi helping the Negro there secure the right to vote. So wake up and become a part of this revolution.

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Crusaders Launch Registration Campaign

Hosea L. Williams, President of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters, announced that the organization had launched a registration campaign to put six thousand additional Negroes on the registration books by the end of March. Williams said the organizational structure of the drive would be the same as it was last January, February and March when 3,500 additional Negroes were put on the registration list. "We have about 15,000 Negroes on the books at this time. This is not nearly enough. We have 68,000 Negroes in Chatham County, which gives the Negro population a potential of 34,000 registered voters. I am working full time with the Crusade for Voters now and I am sure we will be able to accomplish our aims, 6,000 new registered voters. If we are able to register 6,000 new Negro voters, we will be able to make Savannah, Georgia and Chatham County the finest city and county in the United States of America. At the same time, if we are unable to register a substantial number of our unregistered voters, I can assure you that Savannah will head in the opposite direction from progress, because the conservatives and John Burkes are doing a good job in voter registration on the other side." Williams said.

Block workers will be the main force of prduction during the registration drive. At least 600 block workers have been assigned at this time. The Crusade for Voters is making a desperate effort to get at least 2,000 block workers involved. The responsibility of a block-worker is to make a solemn promise and keep that promise of getting at least one person to go down to the courthouse and register each week. In the event 2,000 block workers are involved, and only 25% is productive, the Crusade for Voters will be able to attain its goal of 6,000 new voters by the end of March.

The county has been divided into 26 areas. The Crusaders will only concern themselves with 10 areas, each of these ten areas will be assigned to an area worker. It will be the responsibility of the area worker and the entire community.

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If They Are Willing, Then Why Not You?

WHITE COLLEGE STUDENTS DO BLOCK WORK VOTER REGISTRATION FOR CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

The above photo shows part of white group that came to the CCCV office and volunteered their services as block workers for a few days. A great majority of right thinking Americans, believe that there would be no racial problems if Negroes would register and vote in large numbers. The white students expressed

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SOME OF THE FUTURE RULERS OF OUR NATION

TEACH THEM RIGHT WHILE THEY ARE YOUNG AND, FEAR NOT, THEY WILL NOT STRAY INTO APATHY

The above photo is the result of the Crusade for Voters' youth registration committee. A survey taken during the first of this year proves that less than fifty percent of the Negroes between the ages of 18 and 21 are not registered to vote. A present registration drive of the CCCV is spending many dollars and making an effort to inform young Negroes as to their

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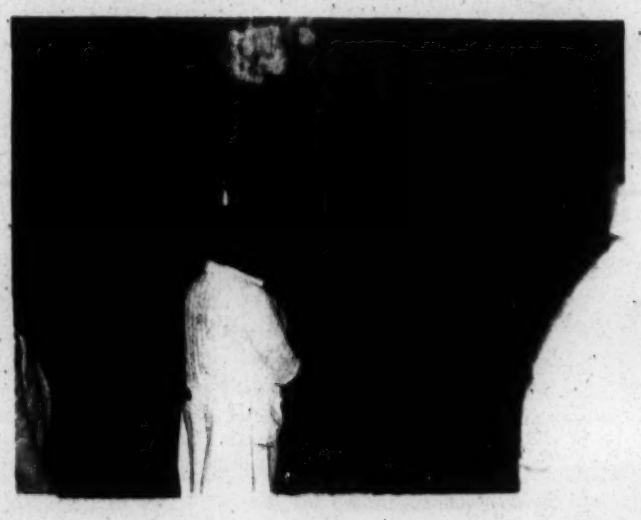
LOOKING DOWN THE MAIN DRAG



NEGRO TAXPAYING CITIZENS LINE UP TO BUY FORCED SEGREGATION

The above photo shows Negroes of our county in the Chatham County Courthouse declaring their taxes to *OUR* tax commissioner, Mr. J. Archie Johnson. Mr. Johnson maintains the only outward sign of slavery in the Chatham County Courthouse. He has the power to allow taxpaying citizens to pay their taxes in dignity. Instead, Mr. Johnson forces Negroes to declare their taxes, which pays his salary, his son's salary and many of his

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BLACK AND WHITE TOGETHER "NOW"

REV. JAMES PRYNE (CENTER) LEADS INTEGRATED VOTER REGISTRATION WORKERS

Rev. James Pryne, Presbyterian Minister from Illinois State Teacher's College, led an inter-racial, international group of college students on a good-will voter registration tour. Rev. Pryne was introduced to the CCCV by Dr. Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The group spent seven days in Chatham County, Georgia. This was the first time some of the whites had been privileged to converse, eat, live and work among Negroes. The experiment was not only effective but very informing to both the local Negro community and the college students.

A similar program is now being launched by the National Council of Churches where not only white groups would visit

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CRUSADERS LAUNCH REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN

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to see that a block worker is working in each of the blocks in every area. A survey made by the Chatham County Crusade for Voters during last January, February and March, proved that there are some areas in our county where 80% of the Negroes are registered to vote. At the same time, the survey proved that there are other areas where only 15% of the Negroes are registered to vote. A present drive will only concern itself with areas where less than 40% of the Negroes are registered to vote.

Williams said "We are counting upon heavy production from the auxiliaries of the Area Workers. The main auxiliaries to the area workers are; organized labor, business, organization, school and P.T.A. and low rent housing committees. The Organization Committee will be headed by Mrs. Ida Mack, secretary of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters' Executive Committee. Mrs. Mack and her committee will have the responsibility of seeing to it that all members of the various organizations are registered to vote during this drive. Mrs. Mack will have the responsibility of encouraging organizations to set up social action committees within their structure who will take responsibility of registering the non-registered of the respective organizations. Mrs. Lillian Robinson is chairing the Low Rent Housing Committee. She and her committee will have the responsibility of seeing to it that a block worker is found in each of the blocks of the low rent housing projects for the purpose of registering all non-registered voters living in the housing projects. Mrs. Henrietta Santos is chairing the School and PTA Committee. Mrs. Santos will be assisted by youth leader Mr. Benjamin Van Clarke. The Business Committee is being chaired by Mr. Benjamin Stewart. The responsibility of this committee will be to encourage each businessman in Savannah and Chatham County, Georgia to see to it that all of his employees and families are registered to vote. Rev. R. Richard, Pastor of Gaines Chapel AME Church and Rev. H. F. Grant, Pastor of Newlight Baptist Church have accepted the responsibilities of co-chairing the Church Committee. Rev. H. F. Grant is working with all the Baptist Churches and Rev. R. Richards is working with all Non-Baptist Churches. These ministers have the task of getting the Inter-denominational Ministerial Alliance to approve of the Registration Drive and encourage each minister to set up a social action committee within his church. The Minister will be asked to appoint the chairman of the committee, and subsidize the committee with a member of each auxiliary of the church. The Social Action Committee will then survey the church and be responsible for registering all of the non-registered voters within their respective churches.

Other committees that will function during the registration drive will be: Transportation. Entertainment, Courthouse, Publicity, Awards, Youth, and the Program Committee.

The Official Kick-Off of the Drive will be held during the first or second week in January. Dr. Martin Luther King, of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has agreed to come down and key note the drive. All persons interested in working for the freedom of all mankind, are asked to sign up as a worker in this present Voter Registration Drive. It is hoped that every right-thinking American in our county will join in this Voter Registration Drive, regardless of your age church affiliation, organizational affiliation, or status in life, it is American's responsibility to participate in this Voter Registration Drive, so that we can assure ourselves that we truly have a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

All persons interested in joining the VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE are asked to drop by the Crusade For Voters' NEW HEADQUARTERS, 458½ WEST BROAD STREET (GUARANTY BUILDING), Room 208, or call ADams 6-5727.

If They Are Willing, Then Why Not You?

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their dissatisfaction with some types of non-violent protest direct-action programs and stated they believed that if all Negroes who are interested and want to be free would get out and canvass neighborhoods and encourage non-registered Negroes to register and vote, that there would be no racial problem in our country.

Benjamin Van Clarke, Executive Director of the Crusader's Youth Activities said, "Most Negroes feel that they have done their duty or met their responsibility when they, themselves, register to vote. We must convey to every citizen that our responsibility has not been met until we get every citizen registered and voting." Clarke, who co-chairs the School and PTA Committee with Mrs. Henrietta Santos, said that he would make every effort, through government and civic classes, to get every high school student above the age of 17½ years old registered during the Crusader's Registration Drive.

The white students, that assisted the Crusade for Voters for a few days as block workers, strongly felt that the most significant thing in gaining thhe Negroes freedom was the ballot. They expressed their belief that no Negro organization involved in the civil rights struggle had an effective voter education program. In a discussion with the Crusader's president Hosea L. Williams, the white students expressed their faith in well trained bloc workers. A young white man in the group stated that a bloc worker has a greater responsibility than just encouraging Negroes to go down and get their names on the registration books. He expounded upon the fact that a bloc worker has the responsibility of educating his contacts as to the value of the vote. Thereby, many Negroes who register out of shame and never vote would become habitual voters due to the fact they fully understand the American system of government.

The CCCV is now involved in a Registration Campaign and is seeking 2,000 bloc workers. All citizens interested in becoming bloc workers should contact the CCCV Headquarters, ADams 6-5727, or drop by the office at 458½ West Broad Street, Room 208 and sign up as a bloc worker.

BLACK AND WHITE TOGETHER "NOW"

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and participate in Negro meetings but also Negro groups would attend and participate in previously all white meetings. The Council of Churches is also advocating that there will be an exchange of pastors on particular Sundays between white churches and Negro churches and that choirs and other auxiliaries of the churches will enter into programs to allow both races to be exposed to one another. By doing this, many whites will learn of the false satires that they have been taught about Negroes for many generations. At the same time, many Negroes will learn of the false satires that they have been taught about whites.

The CCV has opened its doors, executive committee and standing committees to participate in such a program with any group.

SOME OF THE FUTURE RULERS

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responsibility in political action.

It is well known that tools are useless unless a job is available. The CCCV is making an effort to explain and teach young Negroes that there is no cure-all for segregation. To attain an education is not a guarantee to a decent future. The American society is controlled more by politics than by any other facet. It is the politician that solicits industry into our town and it is the politician that makes the final agreement with industry. Therefore, in order to be free it is a must to elect and support the type of politician that will see to it that industry will come into our community with the understanding, that there will be no dual working standards for races. It is the responsibility of the politician or their appointees, to see to it that industry locating in our area understand that there is no must that they conform to traditional local customs. Young Negroes must register and vote in order to elect the type of politicians that will frown upon industries that set up dual working standards for the different races. The citizenry of a community is responsible for the type of government it maintains. Due to the mass ignorance of the segregationists, Negroes are penalizing themselves, regardless of their age unless they are qualified voters and vote in every election.

Young Negroes must also concern themselves with employment within our government. Many white students graduate with an infinite desire to work for our local governmental agencies. Young Negroes must concern themselves also with local governmental jobs. They must develop a sense of responsibility and concern themselves with the fact that not only city hall and the county courthouse have many departments and divisions that white only are allowed to work in, but there are other local, state and national governmental divisions that Negroes are not allowed employment in. This type of injustice will continue only as long as the young Negroes refuse to concern themselves with Voter Registration activities. Negroes will be allowed to work in any positions any other American works in when they are registered and voting in large enough numbers to elect fair-minded governmental officials.

ROUTE 66

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confronted McHarris now was where coud Route 66 find an integrated night club scene in Savannah, Georgia without running into complications. It was at this point a special Negro casting consultant was called into the picture. McHarris and a representative from the Savannah Chamber of Commerce paid a visit to local public relations director of the Mid-Town Chamber of Commerce, headed by Dr. H. M. Collier, Jr. Alphonso S. McLean, director of public relations for the chamber was called in to assist the Route 66 Directors in providing Negro extras for various scenes. The script called for a Negro band. The James Wiley Combo was hired to provide jazz music for the set. Thirty other Negroes, both male and female were hired to be at the Port Royal Cafe, a waterfront jazz night spot for the filming of the scene. It was learned later that several other clubs had refused to allow the movie crew in to film an integrated scene in their establishment.

At ten A.M. in the morning, in walked a noted Negro actor, Percy Rodriguez, who lives in Canada. He appeared as the owner of the night spot. White and Negro couples were mixed in to blend with the script. Soon after makeup men and cameramen took their places and the director said "TAKE ONE." This commenced the first time Savannah Negroes were part of a realistic modern day movie production. The day for the UNCLE TOMS AND SHOE SHINE BOYS can be called history as far as the movie industry is concerned.

Rodriguez, who has appeared in several T. V. productions which includes NAKED CITY, THE NURSES and scores of Broadway Shows, made this comment on his first trip in the deep south "From what people told me about the south, I was actually shook up from the moment I arrived at the airport." Rodriguez became even more astounded when he found out the DeSoto Hotel, where he lodged, had just been integrated. In between TAKES he managed to talk with several Negroes who were on the set.

THE GREAT CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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friends' salaries, in humility.

Mr. J. Archie Johnson has the outward appearance of a very fine red-blooded American man, but his actions speak differently. All of his employees are white. His department is the only department in the courthouse maintaining visual segregation. Maybe Mr. Johnson has not learned segregation is a cancer in the heart of democracy. It has all but caused America to become a second class nation in the eyes of mankind all over the world. America is having trouble with her foreign policy because two-thirds of the world is non-white and now the world is a community and all of the constituents know there are twenty million American citizens denied their constitutional rights. Mr. Johnson, and men like Mr. Johnson, are seeing to it that America will not gain the respectable position she once filled in the world by maintaining and forcing segregation.

Mr. Johnson has refused to allow Negroes and whites to declare their taxes at the same windows. Six thousand new Negro registered voters could change Mr. Johnson's mind. After all Mr. Johnson is a politician and he is more likely to do what the majority of the voters want him to do. It is not generally believed that the majority of the white citizens of our county protest to integrated lines. It is probably hard for Mr. Johnson to understand why Negroes resent making their taxes in segregated lines. It does allow Negroes to spend less time in making their tax returns than whites. Yet, any form of segregation is a sickness when it is based upon race, creed, color, religion or national origin. Negroes would prefer remaining in lines longer than to be told "you must go to that line because you are black." Negroes do not want special privileges. These types of special privileges have singled them out since being brought to this country. These types of special privileges have caused them to be the last ones hired and the first ones fired. These types of special privileges have caused them to be turned away from the registration window and denied a chance to register to vote for menial things that white people are never turned away from the registration window for. These special privileges have caused Negroes to buy in stores where they are denied an opportunity to SELL. These special privileges have caused Negroes not to be represented by their Mayor and Aldermen, County Commissioners and Judges, State Representatives and Senators, U. S. Senators and Representatives, and other governmental officials that claim we have a government of the people, for the people and by the people.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia

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Plans for Dealing with Problems:

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New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.)

See Report Under Separate Cover

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SUBJECT: CHATHAM COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTER'S DECEMBER VEP REPORT

WE FINALLY GOT SAILING. OUR COORDINATED GROUP (COMMUNITY UNITY GROUP) IS OFF TO A FINE START.

WE INTENTIONALLY ALLOWED OUR PROGRAM TO GO SLOWLY DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. WE WANTED TO KEEP OPERATIONAL EXPENSES AT A BARE MINIMUM, BUT WE WERE ALSO TRYING TO DEVELOP A COORDINATED GROUP.

WE WERE ABLE TO REGISTER 426. THE YOUTH PROGRAM REGISTERED 149. LOW RENT HOUSING PROJECT COMMITTEE (CHAIRED BY MRS. LILLIAN ROBINSON) REGISTERED 112. ABOUT 160 WERE REGISTERED BETWEEN THE TELEPHONE, ORGANIZED LABOR, RADIO PROGRAM AND THE AREA WORKER'S COMMITTEE.

WE WILL WORK FULL BLAST FROM THE FIRST OF JANUARY, 1964.

IN GOD WE TRUST!

HLW:JTW

ENCLOSURES

AIR MAIL

Attachment No. 1

TWO

6,000 NEW NEGRO VOTERS SOUGHT IN CHATHAM COUNTY

Mr. Herman Pride, local realtor and developer, was unanimously elected to lead Chatham County's Coordinated Registration Drive for 1964. Mr. Pride was elected as General Chairman at a community dinner, last Monday night, held at the Manger Hotel. In accepting the position, Mr. Pride commented "We will stage the most extensive and successful voter registration drive in the history of the Coastal Empire."

Other key persons elected to office were: Mr. Evocious Thomas, Director; Mr. James Tyson and Mrs. Lois Dotson, Co-Directors; Mr. Leroy Bolden, Co-Chairman and Mr. Alphonso McLean, Publicity Chairman.

Attendants at the meeting represented an extensive variety of community interests, Labor, Business, Religious, Organizations, Housewives, and the Professional Ranks. They endorsed the proposed organization and its format of operation as presented.

Dr. William A. Wexler, local optometrist and well-known civic leader, was the guest speaker. He emphasized the importance of the ballot in building up "the entire picture of politics in America without which progress, the image of the land of liberty and freedom is only a sham." Though he expressed the inevitability of some degree of prejudice and bigotry as long as there are human beings, he stressed that these attitudes "cannot and must not be a part of the governmental process of a democratic nation." Dr. Wexler urged the community leaders present to "go out and get registered voters and stop talking registration" and thus ensure that there will be, not just token integration, but full citizenship rights and responsibilities for all Americans alike.

Dr. Wexler admonished the community leaders "if you are ever to become first class American citizens, it will come from community ranks rather than from national ranks." "It took my people more than three generations to become first class American citizens. Our forefathers came to this nation and struggled hard, long and sincerely in order that their children and their children's children would have full citizenship rights. Negroes must not be ashamed, but proud of their race. They must prove their worth by standing up and working hard within the bounds of principle before they will ever be free."

"Many gains have been made by the Negroes of Chatham County, but not without pressure. I do not agree with everything that Hosea Williams has done, but he certainly got results."

Dr. Wexler, an ex-alderman of the Savannah City Council, said upon many occasions he received telephone threats on his life, yet this did not deter him from doing and saying what he knew was right and democratic. "Negroes must also stand up in the face of any danger and demand their full citizenship. Politicians are not going to do that which will cost them their jobs and livelihood, but I can assure you whenever the Negro people register and vote in large numbers, they will find major barriers to integration lacking."

Mr. Hosea Williams enumerated the vast gains the vote has accomplished in Savannah for the Negro and stated that the Negroes' ultimate aims of bringing about real democracy in America will depend primarily on the ballot. Williams said many inquiries nationally as to how Savannah became one of the most integrated cities in the south can only be answered by saying, the Negro of Savannah, Georgia has mostly made intelligent use of his little vote.

The format presented by Rev. P. A. Patterson which was accepted by the coordinated group included a Speaker's Bureau which will be chaired by Dr. Henry Collier, Jr.; Baptist Churches Committee, headed by Rev. Henry Grant; Non-Baptist Churches Committee headed by Rev. R. Richards; School Committee headed by Benjamin Van Clarke; P.T.A. Committee headed by Mrs. Henrietta Santos; Business Committee headed by Mrs. Lois Dotson; Transportation Committee headed by Mr. Josh Crafton; Entertainment Committee headed by Mrs. Larcenia Cohen; Organization committee headed by Mrs. Ida Mack and Co-Chaired by Mrs. Leroy Wilson; Street Corner and Bar Committee headed by Mr. Lester Hankerson and Co-Chaired by Mr. Henry Brownlee; Area Worker's Committee headed by Hosea L. Williams; Telephone Committee headed by Mrs. Albertha Williams; and Courthouse Committee headed by Mrs. Margaret Mollette. The Audio Visual Committee and the Awards Committe were the only positions not filled.

FORM VEP-2

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION C.C.R.D. PERSON REPORTING Rebecca Jenkins PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1-3-64 TO 1-7-64

STREET ADDRESS 458½ W Broad CITY Savah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1-7-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 4th WARD, BEAT, ETC 1. Thru 15 Precent.

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FORM VEP-2

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Crusade For Voters PERSON REPORTING Lester Hankson PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1/2/64 TO 1/10/64

STREET ADDRESS 416 W. Parkwood Ave. CITY Ave. COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1/10/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1-Dist WARD, BEAT, ETC Bars, Pool rooms, Street Corners, Barber Shops, Alley and lanes.

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NEGRO LEADERS IN ALBANY GA. RECEIVE WHITE MAN'S JUSTICE FOR XMAS

Five leaders of the Albany Movement were sentenced in U. S. District Court on December 23 as a result of picketing a white super market in Albany, Georgia last spring. The formal charge against them was perjury.

There was an immediate protest from the National Committee for the Albany defendants, headed by its Honorary Chairman Dr. Martin Luther

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WILL ARMSTRONG COLLEGE ACCEPT NEGROES?

Armstrong College has set January 6 as registration date for the 1964 Winter Quarter. "The supposed to be" integration of Armstrong was highly publicized as successful. Yet, only one Negro student has been allowed to matriculate at the institution. Several Negroes have applied for admittance but for one reason or another their applications have been either rejected or ignored.

During last summer's demonstrations at Savannah State

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FREEDOM FIGHTER HOLDS SIGN THAT MAY COME TRUE

CLARKE TALKS TO HOST OF NATIONAL STARS AT SNCC CONVENTION

By JAMES MIDDLETON

Benjamin Van Clarke, Executive Director of the Youth Crusade for Voters, attended the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee's Board of Directors' Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia last week. "This board meeting was the most successful meeting of SNCC I have ever attended because of the many programs presented before this national body in a three day period," Clarke said.

Clarke, who was elected to the Board three years ago, has become one of SNCC's most dependable and likeable members in terms of understanding the needs and problems of the organization. At present, Clarke is working on ideas that will help Savannah continue its Freedom Movement in terms of finance.

Also, in meeting the financial needs of the Savannah movement, Hosea L. Williams, president of the CCCV says that he will look into the possibilities of having National Stars give benefits, either on a local, state or National level. Following orders from Williams, Clarke started his campaign for National Stars while attending the Washington Conference of SNCC during the Thanksgiving holidays. He spoke with James Baldwin, a noted author and lecturer and with Byard Ruskin, Director of the March On Washington. Both of these National figures agreed to come to Savannah at their earliest possible convenience.

During the Atlanta trip, Clarke talked with Marlon Brando, the well-known movie star and one of the most active stars in the fight for freedom. Mr. Brando expressed great interest in coming to Savannah for the purpose of a benefit.

Clarke added that there is a strong possibility that Adam Clayton Powell, Congressman from New York, will consider coming to Savannah (according to Baldwin).

The general public should give some indication as to how they feel about this new project.

Adam Clayton Powell might consider coming, although he did not talk with Powell personally, Clarke reported he did talk with someone very close to the Congressman. The Congressman will be contacted this week, along with other persons that Williams is working on. The Community should consider putting their full support behind this project, and if people are interested in the Crusaders getting persons like the ones mentioned above they should attend this Sunday's Mass Meeting at the Butler Presbyterian Church so that we might have some idea as to how the general public feel about the project.

WILL WE HAVE TO MARCH AGAIN

Chatham County's integrated schools are a joke. Just another way of the white man telling the Negro — Wait, You are not ready — You are inferior — We are superior — and Right shall never overcome Wrong.

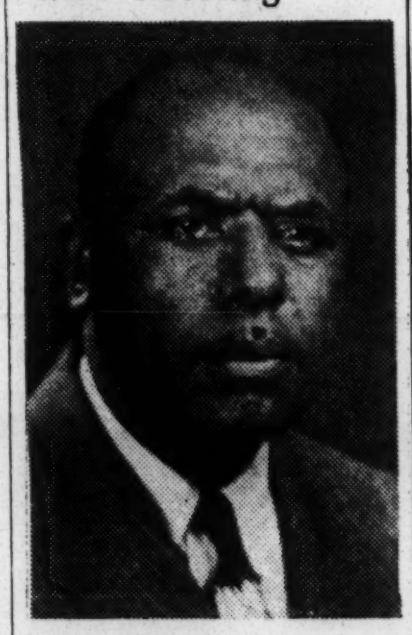
The Board of Education is telling Negro people, *Wait until Tomorrow*, when they know well, tomorrow is here; and in some cases, the evening shades begin to appear.

Segregation is a sickness! The type of school integration found in Chatham County is allowing the venom of the Wallaces of Alabama, the Barnett's of Mississippi, the white citizens' council, the KKK, and many other wrong-thinking Americans and institutions to poison the minds of not only the black boys and girls, but the minds of the white also.

Segregated schools are not only immoral but impractical in a democracy. Dual systems are one of the reasons the south remains poverty stricken. Segregated schools have been labeled as the most vicious and damaging element of segregation. It helplessly teaches distrust and hate of those who are prevented from pursuing normality. It causes a nation to develop strangers within its creation. It allows wrong-doers to create ghettos that eventually burden the total society with crime, ignorance and disease.

September is a long way off, therefore, the Board of Education and the responsible parties of our county have plenty of time to make plans to integrate the schools of Chatham County, otherwise, it might be necessary for right-thinking Negroes to *assume the responsibility of integrating Chatham County's schools.*

Stone Lodge to Have Final Meeting



Charlie Stone

The regular meeting of Stone Lodge No. 1 will be held on Monday, December 30 at 8:00 P. M. All members are urged to be present and on time, as this is the final meeting of the year.

The lodge is sponsoring a banquet at the West Broad Street YMCA on Friday night, January 3 at 8:00 P.M. All members and friends are cordially invited.

Bro. Charlie Stone, president; Bro. James Reynolds, chairman.

EDITORIAL

GIVE THEM A FUTURE

IN EAST LIBERTY LANE

Equal Opportunities' Costs Are High

The late Dr. James E. Shepherd, president of North Carolina College, Durham, North Carolina, always prefaced his budget request to the North Carolina legislators with, "Gentlemen, the cost of segregation is high." We would paraphrase Dr. Shepherd's statement with, "Youth, the cost of equal opportunities is high."

An article in the November 30 issue of the New York Times showed that the hard-core unemployed were largely being passed over by the Federal retraining program.

Now, what do these mean?

They indicate that the labor market no longer needs the unskilled or the laborer with unsaleable skills. They indicate that employment agencies are not interested in training those whose job expectations are low. They also tell us that we must be aware of what the labor market wants and prepare for full acceptance into the market.

It is easy enough for the young man of today to be enchanted by a job offering forty or fifty dollars a week to a high school graduate. But the times demand that we look beyond today. How much will the skill we sell today be worth five years from now? How well will a family fare on an income of less than two hundred dollars a month? How much will the woman, with less than a high school education be able to supplement her husband's income?

The Report of the President's Commission on the Status of Women revealed that every third worker is a woman, and that many mothers, especially Negroes, must work. Incomes for these working Negro mothers were exceptionally low because their skills were so limited. Furthermore, the report showed that the lower the parents' education, the earlier she had to leave her children to go to work, thus the possibilities of delinquents and problem children were heightened.

Dr. Shepherd knew that the legislators wanted to do all in their power to maintain their evil system, therefore he made them pay dearly for its maintenance. Today's youth must know that the cost of equal opportunities is high and he must be willing and prepared to pay its exhorbitant price.

Exhorbitant? Yes, the cost is exhorbitant because your vision must see beyond the traditionally "colored" jobs. "Colored" jobs are declining and JOBS are available. Exhorbitant? Yes, because you must be prepared to compete, and compete successfully on civil service examinations; examinations for promotions, and naturally pay increases; and examinations for new job opportunities.

Preparedness for today's equal opportunities means sacrifice. To demonstrate and get the opportunity and then not be prepared to accept it, won't mean very much. Preparedness for today's opportunities means tenacity, many "open" doors will be closed in your face—but you must have the determination to make the "open" door a reality. Preparedness for today's opportunities means thorough training, training that goes over that received in a classroom—training supplemented by an inquisitive mind, training that refuses anything less than what the times demand. Training that finds answers in self-improvement studies. Some of the world's greatest contributors have strengthened themselves on their own time, in their leisure. Preparedness for today's opportunities means a demand to know what is needed on the labor market and a refusal to accept out of date methods that are useless before they are completed. And, preparedness for today's opportunities means staying in school and demanding that you be taught and exposed to what is available—not taught or exposed to what would have sufficed five or ten years ago—but taught and exposed to what will assure you of a decent living wage in this age of automation.

The challenge is yours! the cost of equal opportunity is HIGH!

STOP POLICE BRUTALITY, REGISTER AND VOTE!

WILL WE HAVE TO MARCH AGAIN?

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College, when the students were protesting the inferiority of the college, many of them made applications to Armstrong. Obviously many of the applications were thrown in the trash can or placed on some irresponsible executive's desk and are still collecting dust.

Even when Armstrong was a two year college it offered many educational advantages over Savannah State College. Armstrong offered a two year course in Laboratory Technology. These positions usually have a starting salary beyond that of what public schools teaching. There are many other courses in business, science and other fields of endeavor offered at Armstrong College that are unavailable to students matriculating at Savannah State College.

The politicians have seen to it that graduates of Savannah State College would not be in competition with the graduates of the white colleges. All students graduating from Savannah State College, interested in the Biological Sciences, graduate with a degree in biology. That is; to teach or continue their education. It is very hard now to find a job in biology, per se. The biological jobs have become specialized into various fields like entomology, psychology, histology, embryology, etc. Students graduating from Armstrong College, who are interested in the biological sciences, usually graduate with a specific degree. They are able to find jobs acording to their degree. This is also true in the field of chemistry. There is very little anyone can do with a degree in General Chemistry now, unless they teach or further their education. Chemistry has become specialized. At most of the white colleges, a student graduates with a degree, not in general chemistry, but in some specialized branch of chemistry like; bio-chemistry, physical, organic, analytical, etc.

Armstrong offers many advantages to students who are interested in Business Fields. Many short commercial courses are offered exposing students to instruments that are not found in Negro schools. Many of the young white men and women around town operating the various business machines in insurance companies, banks, governmental offices, etc. are graduates of Armstrong College. Negro students are denied many of these jobs because they have not been exposed to the various types of highly specialized instruments. Negroes should consider Armstrong College for what it is—A Segregated Institution. An institution financed by both black and white tax dollars. The State of Georgia does not segregate Negro taxes from white taxes. Therefore, Negroes throughout the First Congressional District of Georgia should make application to enter Armstrong College, not only because it is a segregated institution taken care of by our tax dollars, but because of the benefits offered at Armstrong *and not offered* at Savannah State College.

NEGRO LEADERS IN ALBANY

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King, Jr., Rev. Wyatt T. Walker, Coordinator and National Chairman Hosea L. Williams. Those sentenced were Slater King, president of the Albany movement, who was given a year and a day in prison; the Rev. Samuel B. Wells, a year and a day; Miss Joni Rabinowitz, white Antioch College student, three months to four years; and Thomas Chatman and Robert Thomas, suspended sentences and five years' probation.

Attorneys immediately filed a notice of appeal to the Fifth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans. Judge W. A. Bottle set appeal bonds at $5,000 for King; $3,000 for Miss Rabinowitz, and $2,500 apiece for the others. These citizens have never been arrested with the exception of taking part in integration activities.

The National Committee for the Albany Defendants declared after the sentencing: "Because of their cumulative good records, it would be interesting to know what method was used in sentencing them and setting the bond so high, in that there is such a great discrepancy in bonds."

The Federal Courts proved that its justice could be very similar (toward integration leaders) to that mended out to the Negro integration leaders in Savannah, Georgia, by Municipal Court Judge Victor H. Mullins. Hosea L. Williams said "it seems like Municipal Court Judge Mullins of Savannah, Georgia set a precedent for the Federal Court for mending out justice." Mullins held Negro demonstrators in the Chatham County jail for fifty-five days and levied bonds up to $30,000.

The National Committee for the Albany Five said, "To many of us, the severity of the sentence poses two questions: (1) Will this set a precedent that other Federal Courts across the country may use to stifle local Negro leadership? (2) Will this also set a precedent to be used to discourage the growing number of white students from coming south to work with Negroes?"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had said: "It is tragic that the only instance in which the Government has moved with vigor has been against Negro leaders who have been working to remove the evil system of segregation."

After he was sentenced, Slater King declared: "I knew from the beginning that it would be an impossibility for all of us who had been very active leaders in the freedom struggle to receive a fair and impartial trial before an all-white southern jury.

"For most of these Southern jurors have grown up in a climate where hate is suckled from their mothers' breasts. It is too much to expect these people to objectively view any case involving the integration struggle.

"It is interesting that white segregationists can bomb, murder, and plunder at will and with the knowledge that they will not be punished by the courts, but black men must face death daily, and even persecution by the Federal Government itself in attempting to obtain their constitutionally guaranteed rights," King said.

ALL INTELLIGENT PEOPLE ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS

Wise Man From the East

Paul Robeson, distinguished athlete, singer and actor, has returned from East Berlin where he had gone from England for medical treatment; apparently having deserted the East for his native U.S.A., ideologically and physically.

Mr. Robeson was enthusiastic about the Soviet Union in 1934 when he first visited it and announced that he was going to make his home there, and stated that he loved "the Soviet people more than any other nation because of their suffering and sacrifices for us, the Negro people, the progressive people, the people of the future in this world."

He won the Lenin Prize and his 60th birthday was celebrated throughout the Soviet Union, but when seeking a new passport in Britain he reportedly signed an affidavit stating that he had never been a Communist party member, which surprised many.

Obviously Mr. Robeson is a wiser man since he went to the East, and has now returned to the United States which he regards as his home.

We recall the remark of Sophocles in Antigone: "Though a man be wise, It is no shame for him to live and learn."

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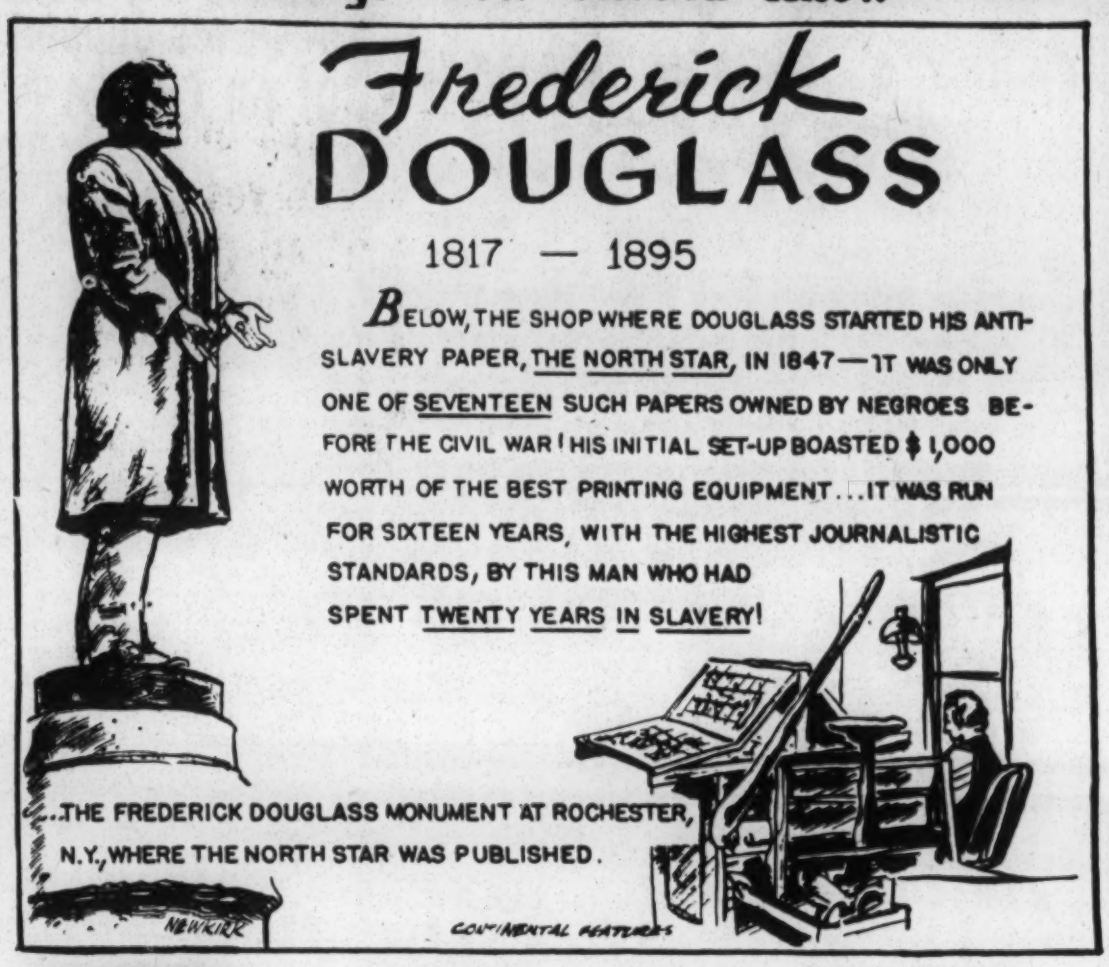

The American Medical Association has inaugurated an intensive and continuing campaign to improve immunization againt tetanus. It is aimed at both the physician and the general public. The role of the private practitioner is emphasized. In the words of Dr. F. J. L. Blasingame, Executive Vice President of the AMA, "In the final analysis it will be the individual physician who will determine the effectiveness of the campaign against tetanus, as he encourages his patients to be immunized.

CHRISTMAS PARADE INTEGRATED FULLY FOR FIRST TIME

BY ALPHONSO McLEAN
Director Public Relations, Mid-Town Chamber of Commerce

Negro businesses here in this progressive seaport city, through the untiring efforts of the Mid-Town Chamber of Comerce, presented two beautiful floats and "Miss Mid-Town" in the annual Christmas parade.

In 1962, the Negro Chamber of Commerce broke the ice in the annual Christmas parade by presenting to this community of 175,000 people the first Negro participants. In previous years, prior to this time, Negro bands were allowed to participate. Through the efforts of the Mid-Town Chamber of Commerce prexy, Dr. H. M. Collier, Jr., the 1963 annual Christmas Parade was integrated fully in all aspects.

For the first time Negroes were represented in all areas which included bands, queens, and floats. Approximately 40,000 people saw the event in drizzling rain.

SPONSORS OF FLOATS

Three members of the Mid-Town Chamber of Commerce: The Carver State Bank, Toomer Realty Company, and the Guaranty Life Insurance Company, Negro owned and operated concerns, sponsored two beautiful Christmas floats. There were twelve floats in the parade. The floats cost $250 each.

Also gliding in high style in the parade was "Miss Mid-Town" and her court. Miss Mattie Moore, a charming Fisk University freshman, reigned as "Miss Mid-Town" with Joan Wright and Patricia Ann Gardner, two lovely attendants accompanying her. Miss Wright and Miss Gardner are freshmen at Savannah State College.

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Writing in the New York Times, William D. Smith says: "If mom doesn't have to ration dad to one spoonful of sugar in his coffee next year a large part of the credit will go to the nation's sugar-beet farmers." It is believed that world sugar production will fall below consumption — while the American beet farmer will produce a record crop.

Competitive transport pricing, based on both carrier cost and a modern concept of "value of service to the shipper," is necessary if common carriage is to be preserved in free enterprise, in the view of William B. Johnson, President of REA Express. He also said that "Competition should be the basic rate-making criteria, for it will give the supplier a free choice to set his rates consistent with the inherent advantages of his service," and that "competition gives a shipper the free choice to purchase whatever service he needs require."

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March of Dimes Deserves Support Of All Citizens

"The 1964 March of Dimes deserves the support of all our citizens," said former Gov. Ernest Vandiver, state March of Dimes chairman.

The annual campaign for funds to fight two of the nation's greatest cripplers — birth defects and arthritis — gets under way throughout Georgia and the nation early in January.

The extent of these health problems was emphasized when Mr. Vandiver pointed out that more than 250,000 babies are born each year with significant birth defects, many causing permanent disability. Some form of arthritis or disabling rheumatic disease afflicts more than 11 million Americans, many thousands of them being children who suffer from particularly severe conditions.

Until recently, Mr. Vandiver said, little was being done to provide uniformly excellent treatment for these victims of crippling disease. Now, the March of Dimes has established nearly 70 treatment centers across the nation where such treatment is available and where trained specialists in these medical areas are developing improved techniques which can benefit all disabled persons.

The March of Dimes is also leading the battle against birth defects and arthritis on the research front.

QUICK QUIZ

Q—What is a papal bull?

A—An official document or letter issued by the Pope and sealed with a leaden seal called a bulla.

Q—Is the bald eagle, America's national bird, in danger of extinction?

A—There are only about 4,000 bald eagles in the U. S., excluding Alaska, and there has been a severe drop in the number of young eagles being hatched.

Q—What are the two uses of the human ear?

A—It helps a man to hear. It also helps him to keep his balance.

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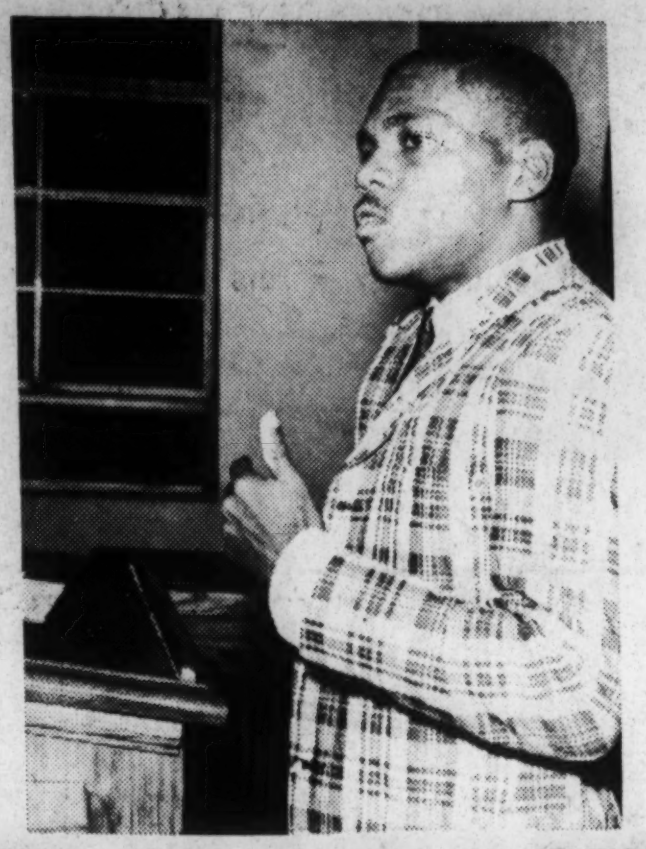

CLARKE TALKS TO HOST OF NATIONAL STARS AT SNCC CONVENTION

By JAMES MIDDLETON

Returns from Atlanta

Benjamin Van Clarke, Executive Director of the Youth Crusade for Voters, attended the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee's Board of Directors' Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia last week. "This board meeting was the most successful meeting of SNCC I have ever attended because of the many programs presented before this national body in a three day period," Clarke said.

Clarke, who was elected to the Board three years ago, has become one of SNCC's most dependable and likeable members in terms of understanding the needs and problems of the organization. At present, Clarke is working on ideas that will help Savannah continue its Freedom Movement in terms of finance.

Also, in meeting the financial needs of the Savannah movement, Hosea L. Williams, president of the CCCV says that he will look into the possibilities of having National Stars give benefits, either on a local, state or National level. Following orders from Williams, Clarke started his campaign for National Stars while attending the Washington Conference of SNCC during the Thanksgiving holidays. He spoke with James Baldwin, a noted author and lecturer and with Byard Ruskin, Director of the March On Washington. Both of these National figures agreed to come to Savannah at their earliest possible convenience.

During the Atlanta trip, Clarke talked with Marlon Brando, the well-known movie star and one of the most active stars in the fight for freedom. Mr. Brando expressed great interest in coming to Savannah for the purpose of a benefit.

Clarke added that there is a strong possibility that Adam Clayton Powell, Congressman from New York, will consider coming to Savannah (according to Baldwin).

The general public should give some indication as to how they feel about this new project.

Adam Clayton Powell might consider coming, although he did not talk with Powell personally, Clarke reported he did talk with someone very close to the Congressman. The Congressman will be contacted this week, along with other persons that Williams is working on. The Community should consider putting their full support behind this project, and if people are interested in the Crusaders getting persons like the ones mentioned above they should attend this Sunday's Mass Meeting at the Butler Presbyterian Church so that we might have some idea as to how the general public feel about the project.

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John Lewis of SNCC NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER TO ADDRESS YCVers

By MISS JO ANN GIBSON

Warren R. Hamilton, Director of Special Events for the Youth Crusade For Voters announced that John Lewis, National Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee will address the leadership meeting of the Youth Crusaders on January 8th at the Hotel Manger. Lewis was just released from the Atlanta jail after protesting the arrest of Mrs. Dick Gregory and three other young ladies who are stock holders in the Toddle House Restaurant. Many persons remember John Lewis from his leading role in NBC's White Paper which appeared on National T.V. and here in Savannah in 1961. When asked if he would come to Savannah for this Special Event he told Hamilton, "Coming to Savannah would be one of the greatest experiences that could befall me. I think the movement in Savannah has reached its last stage and before long Negroes here will not be singing *we shall overcome some day*, but WE SHALL OVERCOME THIS DAY!! Both Hosea Williams and Benjamin V Clarke are highly respected by the administration of SNCC.

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GEORGE SHINHOLTER

WARREN R. HAMILTON

George Shinholter, Director of the Youth Training Program of the Youth Crusaders and Warren R. Hamilton, Director of Special Events, announced today that the Crusaders Youth Training Department has followed through on the idea that more Youth Leaders in the Community need to understand the program and philosophy of the Youth Organization. A Special Conference will be held during the first week in January at the Hotel Manger. Benjamin Van Clarke, Executive Director of the YCV said that this meeting is being called, also, to constitute a Youth Guidance Group in connection with the forthcoming Voter Registration Drive to add 6,000 additional Negroes to the Voter's Registration List. All Presidents of Student Councils; Senior Classes; Honor Societies; with Captain and Co-Captains of Sporting Organizations within thhe three high schools will be invited. However, Shinholter added "the conference will not be limited to persons holding the positions mentioned above, but to every youth who is a responsible leader within his or her school."

For more information concerning the Youth Leadership Meeting, persons should contact the office of the YCV at ADams 3-8127 or ADams 6-5727 and make reservations before the 8th of January, 1964.

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Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.)

Transportation, record keeping, rejections at registrar's office, illiteracy, P.T.A's, Active Blockworkers

Plans for Dealing with Problems: Transportation: Some of the more active committees are able to get new prospective voters spontaneously. These type of persons MUST be taken to the registrar's office immediately. Voluntary transportation does not respond immediate enough. Many new voters are lost. Rejections by the registrars: Negotiate with the registrars and registration clerks. Illiteracy: Teach Georgia's illiteracy test in Adult Citizenship Schools. P.T.A.'s: Try to get influential whites to call the High School Principals. Active Blockworkers: Promote blockworker's parties, clinics and awards. Recordkeeping: Seek help from Savannah State College and High School Business Departments.

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.) Night Club, Pool Room, Bar and Street Corner Committee: Two young men (Trash & Big Lester) assigned to this committee, go into every club, bar and "dive" in Chatham County and seek new voters. As they convince racketeers, drunks pool sharks, etc. to become first class citizens, a car is standing near by to whisk them away to the registration office. At times a very beautiful young lady accompanies the workers to attract attention. 100% Registered Voter's stickers: Highly publicized window stickers showing showing what businesses have their employees 100% Registered to Vote and what families are 100% Registered Voters

Sponsoring Organization ~~Chatham County Crusade for Voters~~ Contact person Hosea L. Williams

ADRESS 458½ West Broad St., #208 PHONE Adams 6-5727

Submitted by:

New Insights ... Continued from above
Courthouse Committee: A very nice young lady is placed in the corridor of the courthouse near the registrar's window with a large pad and pen. She has a chair and a small table. She interviews all persons entering the courthouse to pay or declare taxes to buy tags or any other business. This young lady ushers all unregistered voters to the registration office. She also takes the name, address and phone number of all new registered voters and citizens attempting to register but rejected or turned down by the registration clerks. This information is recorded at the CCEV Headquarter's.

FORM VEP-2

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Crusade For Voters PERSON REPORTING Henry L Brownlee PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT FROM 1/2/64 TO 1/10/64

STREET ADDRESS 416 W. Park Ave CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1/10/64

SECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1-Dist. WARD, BEAT, ETC Bars, Pool Rooms, Street Corners, Barber Shops, Alleys and lanes.

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING M.E. Mollette PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 14th TO 17th

STREET ADDRESS 2305 Burroughs CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1-17-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC Chatham Co. Court House

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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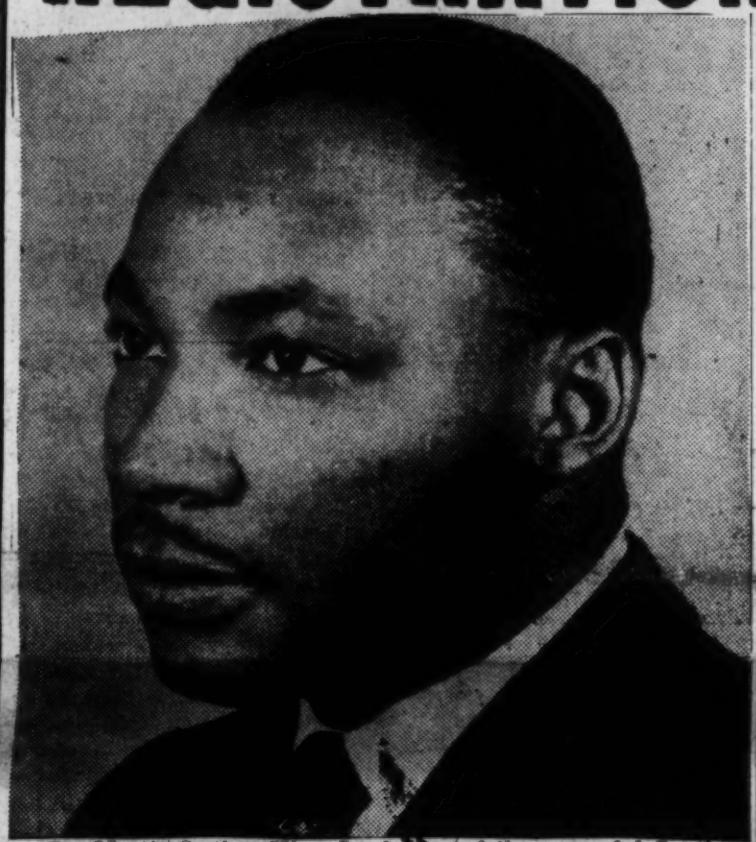
KING TO KICK OFF MASS VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., leader of the powerful Southern Christian Leadership Conference, TIME MAGAZINE'S MAN OF THE YEAR and MOSES of the 20th Century, will journey to our city Thursday, January 16, 1964 to visit this SCLC local affiliate (Chatham County Crusade for Voters) and kick-off a Mass Voter Registration Drive for the recently co-ordinated County-Wide Registration Drive.

Dr. King and his organization have shown and will continue to show a great deal of interest in the coastal area of Georgia. "The Crusade for Voters has long been one of SCLC's more active and most effective affiliates" said Hosea Williams, leader of the Savannah Freedom Now Movement, which is sponsored by the Crusade for Voters. Williams is one of SCLC's National Board Members and also a member of Dr. King's staff at this time.

Williams is requesting all citizens of Chatham County (Black and White) who are working or who are willing to work to make that DREAM Dr. King preaches and lives, come true, to be present at the Thursday night kick-off Voter Registration Drive. "Dr. King cannot REDEEM THE SOUL OF AMERICA by Himself.

He needs money, he needs followers. Money that he can pay lawyers and cost of law suits; cash bonds; bondsmen fees; rent and utility bills on freedom movement offices across the Southland; hundreds of long distance phone calls daily wherever suffering humans need SCLC's help; money to pay salaries of more than 40 field workers, staff workers and secretaries; thousands of dollars of office machines and supplies each year; bus, train, plane and automobile fares for hundreds of freedom fighters being trained and placed in areas where Negroes are being treated like slaves just because of their color; and money to take care of families that lost their jobs in this fight for equality.

Dr. King needs more followers in order to REDEEM THE SOUL OF AMERICA. Followers who will follow wherever he leads. Followers that will not turn their backs on him when the movement gets dangerous. He needs followers that are not frightened by the color of a white man, highpowered water hose, a police dog, a Bull Corner, the Ross Barnetts or the Andrew J. Ryans. Followers are needed, followers that understand that no Negro is free until all are free. He needs followers that understand, men and women of color in America are still in slavery. Followers that seek not personal prestige; selfish gains or publicity, but a world with people that, not only preach and teach, but live the philosophy of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man," said Williams.

The Crusade for Voters will honor the citizens who made the most worthy contribution to THE SAVANNAH FREEDOM NOW MOVEMENT IN 1963.

The Crusade Welcomes Preaching-Vet. Freedom Fighter

See Story Page 2

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STREET ADDRESS 2029 Eppinger St. CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1-25-64

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STREET ADDRESS 2305 Burroughs St. CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1-24-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC Chatham Co. Court House

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS																															
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS)																															
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE																															
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME																															
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS																															
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES)																															
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM																					45	47	70	41							
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT																					41	42	63	38							
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT																					4	5	7	3							

*PERSONS OF VOTING AGE

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Crusade For Voters PERSON REPORTING Lester Hankinson PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1-20-64 TO 1-27-64

STREET ADDRESS 416 W. Park Pl CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1-27-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC Bars, Pool Rooms + Street Corners

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS																					0	0	0	0							
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS)																					30	35	30	20							
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE																					0	0	0	0							
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME																					0	0	0	0							
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS																					0	0	0	0							
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES)																					30	35	30	20							
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM																					6	7	10	3							
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT																					5	7	9	3							
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT																					1	0	1	0							

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Crusade For Voters PERSON REPORTING Henry Brownlee / Lester Hankerson PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1/7/64 TO 1/17/64

STREET ADDRESS 511 W. Bolton St. CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1/27/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC Bars, Poolrooms, & Street Corners

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS							0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0														
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS) Bars							15	25	26	20			19	30	22	26	29														
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE							3	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0														
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME							0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0														
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS							0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0														
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES) Bars							15	25	26	20			19	30	22	26	29														
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM							0	0	0	0			10	20	5	2	6														
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT							0	0	0	0			10	16	5	1	4														
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT							0	0	0	0			0	4	0	1	2														

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION C. C. C. V. PERSON REPORTING Henry Brownlee PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1-20-64 TO 1-27-64

STREET ADDRESS 511 W. Bolton CITY Savah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1-27-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC Bars, Pool Rooms + Street Corners

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS																					0	0	0	0							
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS)																					25	30	25	15							
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE																					0	0	0	0							
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME																					0	0	0	0							
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS																					0	0	0	0							
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES)																					25	30	25	15							
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM																					8	12	3	7							
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT																					8	10	2	1							
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT																					0	2	1	0							

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham County Crusade for Vote PERSON REPORTING Benjamin Van Clarke PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1/1/64 TO 1/31/64

STREET ADDRESS 416 West Park Ave CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/30/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES Schools ~~WARD~~, ~~BEAT~~, ~~ETC~~ High School, Trade & College Students

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS) Schools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	23	24	15	0	0	5	6	7	8	0	0	9	3	4	1	0
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES) office	4	1	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	23	24	15	0	0	5	6	7	8	0	0	9	3	4	1	0
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	22	24	15	0	0	4	5	7	8	0	0	9	3	4	1	0
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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Recd 2/10/64

VOTER REGISTRATION

Progress Report

CITY Savannah

COUNTY Chatham STATE Ga.

DATES 1-1-64 TO 1-31-64

Stastical Summary;

No. persons registered 1,435

No. persons applying 1,584

No. persons contacted 3,377

Total attendance at V.R. meetings 5,000

No. Volunteer Workers 500

No. Paid Workers 19

No. Working hours per week Pd. workers Av. 6 hrs. per day Volunteer wks. Av. 1 hr. per day

Description of Voter Registration Program:

Plan of Organization:

Same as Dec. Report

Methods Used to Contact people to Register:

Same as Dec. Report

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Same as Dec. Report

Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.)

Same as Dec. Report

Plans for Dealing with Problems:

Same as Dec. Report

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.)

Same as Dec. Report

Sponsoring Organization Chatham County Crusade for Voters Contact person Hosea L. Williams

ADRESS 458½ W. Broad St. (Room 208) PHONE Ad 6-5727
1531 Gilbert Street El. 5-5924

Submitted by: Hosea L. Williams

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING (Miss) Willie B. Johnson PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1-6-64 TO 1-31-64

STREET ADDRESS 1005 W. 44 CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1-31-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1 WARD, BEAT, ETC 5 Precinct

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS													18	1	19	42	10			15	8	19	40	21	.		12	4	14	21	19
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS)													0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE													2	0	0	1	0			0	0	2	0	0			0	0	1	0	0
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME													0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS													0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES)													0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM													6	1	3	11	2			2	3	5	12	1			2	1	4	4	8
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT													5	1	3	10	2			2	3	5	10	1			2	1	5	4	4
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT													1	0	0	1	0			0	0	0	2	0			0	0	1	0	2

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham County Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs. Mable Dawson PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1-6-64 TO 1-31-64

STREET ADDRESS 608 W. 59 St. CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1-31-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1 WARD, BEAT, ETC 7-Precinct

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS																											22	18	9	21	11
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS)																											0	0	0	0	0
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE																											1	0	0	1	0
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME																															
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS																											0	0	0	0	0
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES)																											0	0	0	0	0
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM																											11	4	5	3	6
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT																											10	3	5	2	4
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT																											1	1	0	1	2

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Crusade For Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs. Charlotte Dawson PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1-6-64 TO 1-31-64

STREET ADDRESS 610 W. 61 CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1-31-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 4 WARD, BEAT, ETC 12 + 13 Precinct

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS																											57	22	18	41	19
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS)																											0	0	0	0	0
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE																											2	0	1	0	0
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME																											0	0	0	0	0
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS																											0	12	0	16	0
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES)																											0	0	0	0	0
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM																											4	9	3	5	12
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT																											4	8	3	5	10
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT																											0	1	0	0	2

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Lester Hankerson PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1/28/64 TO 1/31/64

STREET ADDRESS 512 W. 35th St. CITY Sav. COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1/31/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES ~~1-Dist~~ WARD, BEAT, ETC Bars, Poolrooms, Street-Corners.

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28 ✓	29 ✓	30 ✓	31 ✓
✓ NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS																												0	0	0	0
✓ NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS BARS																												70	29	75	63
✓ NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE																												4	0	5	2
✓ NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME																												0	0	0	0
✓ NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS																												0	0	0	0
✓ NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES BARS																												70	29	75	63
✓ NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM																												19	11	15	21
✓ NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT																												19	11	15	14
✓ NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT																												0	0	0	7

*PERSONS OF VOTING AGE

Uses car to pick up prospects from bars, pool rooms and corners and takes them to courthouse.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs. Margaret Mollette PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 27 TO 31

STREET ADDRESS 2305 Burroughs CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1-31-63

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC Chatham Co. Court House

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS																															
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS)																															
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE																															
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME																															
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS																															
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES)																															
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM																											55	69	45	65	63
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT																											46	62	39	60	56
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT																											9	7	6	5	7

*PERSONS OF VOTING AGE

Employed in courthouse to approach persons buying tags, paying taxes, etc.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham County Canada for Voters PERSON REPORTING Henry Brownlee PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1/28/64 TO 1/31/64

STREET ADDRESS 511 W. Bolton St. CITY Sav. COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1/31/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES ~~1 Dist.~~ WARD, BEAT, ETC Bars, Pool rooms, street-corners.

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28 ✓	29 ✓	30 ✓	31 ✓
✓ NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS																												0	0	0	0
✓ NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS BARS																												70	29	25	63
✓ NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE																												4	0	5	2
✓ NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME																												0	0	0	0
✓ NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS																												0	0	0	0
✓ NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES BARS																												70	29	25	63
✓ NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM																												20	10	14	22
✓ NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT																												20	10	14	15
✓ NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT																												0	0	0	7

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Uses car to pick up prospects from bars, poolrooms, and corners and takes them to courthouse.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION C. C. C. V. PERSON REPORTING Rebecca F. Jenkins PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1-2-64 TO 1-31-64

STREET ADDRESS 458½ W. Broad CITY Savah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1-31-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 4th WARD, BEAT, ETC 4 District, 2 Precent

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS		25	20					80					30	34			18							36			50	24	17	24	42
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS)		0	0					0					0	0			0							0			0	0	0	0	0
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE		0	0					4					0	2			0							1			0	1	0	0	2
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME		4	6					2					3	8			0							4			2	5	0	3	7
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS		0	0					0					0	0			0							0			0	0	0	0	0
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES)		0	0					0					0	0			0							0			0	0	0	0	0
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM		5	8					26					30	30										12			19	7	8	10	21
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT		5	8					21					18	19			0							11			19	7	8	7	19
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT		0	0					5					2	1			0							1			2	1	0	3	2

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs. Adline Bradshaw PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1/14/64 TO 1/30/64

STREET ADDRESS 1408 Church St. CITY Savah. COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/1/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES District 1A WARD, BEAT, ETC Precient 1A

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS														25	30	22			8	10							18	40	25	30	
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS)														5													0	0	0	0	
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE															0	0											0	0		0	
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME														0	0	7			0	0							0	0		0	
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS														0	0	0			0	0							0	0		0	
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES)																											0	0		0	
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM														17	10	12			0	6							8	21		12	
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT														16	10	10			0	6							8	19		12	
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT														1	0	2			0	0							0	2		0	

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs. Alma Middleton PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1/14/64 TO 1/30/64

STREET ADDRESS 262 Ferrill St. CITY Savah. COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/1/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES #1 WARD, BEAT, ETC Precient 1A

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS														21	21	41					34			13			0	18	40	20	
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS)														0	0	0					0			0			0	20	0	0	
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE														1	0	0					0			0			0	0	0	0	
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME														0	0	0					0			0			0	0	0	0	
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS														0	0	0					0			0			0	0	0	0	
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES)														0	0	0					0			0			0	0	0	0	
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM														11	15	19					21			10			3	13	16	10	
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT														9	10	17					21			9			2	13	15	8	
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT														2	5	2					0			1			1	0	1	2	

*PERSONS OF VOTING AGE

Rec'd 3/18/64

FEBRUARY 1, 1964

TO: MR. HOSEA L. WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, VEP, SPECIAL PROJECT SCLC, 334 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E./458½ WEST BROAD STREET, SAVANNAH, GA.

FROM: REV. HENRY F. GRANT, CHAIRMAN OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: REPORT OF CHURCHES CONTACTED

I WOULD LIKE TO REPORT THAT I HAVE MADE THE FOLLOWING CONTACTS:

6TH OF JANUARY	6 MINISTERS
14TH OF JANUARY	5 MINISTERS
20TH OF JANUARY	2 MINISTERS
27TH OF JANUARY	2 MINISTERS
29TH OF JANUARY	10 MINISTERS

THESE MINISTERS WERE GIVEN MATERIAL FOR THEIR CHURCHES AND WERE INSTRUCTED ON HOW TO SET UP A SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CHURCHES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGISTERING EVERY MEMBER. EACH CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE WOULD TURN IN REGULAR REPORTS TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICE OF THE CRUSADE FOR VOTERS ON HOW MANY HAD BEEN REGISTERED EACH WEEK AND HOW MANY WERE STILL UNREGISTERED.

I AM HEREWITH ATTACHING FIFTEEN SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FROM FIFTEEN CHURCHES. I EXPECT TO REPORT ADDITIONAL NAMES NEXT WEEK.

FORM VEP-2

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs. Lillian Johnson PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM Jan 6, TO Jan 25

STREET ADDRESS 725 Yamacraw Vile CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: Feb. 1, 1964

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC Low Rent Housing Projects

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION C. C. R. D. PERSON REPORTING Henry Brownlee PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2/3/64 TO 2/7/64

STREET ADDRESS 511 W. Bolton St. CITY Savr COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/7/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1-Dist. WARD, BEAT, ETC BARS, Pool rooms, alley ways, Barber Shops, Street Corners.

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FORM VEP-2

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION C. C. R. D. PERSON REPORTING Lester Hankerson PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2/3/64 TO 2/7/64

STREET ADDRESS 512 W. 35th St. CITY Sav. COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/7/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1-Dist. WARD, BEAT, ETC Bars, Pool rooms, Alley ways, Barber shops, Street Corners.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

3-7, 1964

H. F. Grant

ORGANIZATION Baptist church's Committee PERSON REPORTING 9 PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 3rd TO 7th: 41

STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ COUNTY _____ STATE _____ DATE SUBMITTED: 2 7 64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC _____

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FORM VEP-2

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs Alberta Williams PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2-4- TO 2-7

STREET ADDRESS 137 Miller St CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Ga DATE SUBMITTED: _____

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES Transportation WARD, BEAT, ETC Transportation + Area Worker

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham Co Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs Adlina Bradshaw PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2-2-1964 TO 2-3-6-1964

STREET ADDRESS 1408 Church St CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2-10, 1964

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES District ~~A~~ WARD, BEAT, ETC Precinct 1 A

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham County Crusade for Voter Registration PERSON REPORTING Mrs. Dora Burke PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2-3-64 TO 2-6-64

STREET ADDRESS 2029 Eppingerlt. CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2-10-64

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1963, MEN OF THE YEAR

President Hosea L. Williams (right), presents Dr. Martin Luther King with the Crusaders most outstanding award of the year. Dr. King was unanimously elected as recipient of the Crusade For Voters' Annual Presidential Award. The president's award is given annually to the individual that

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Atlanta Integrationist Educates

Rev. Fred C. Bennett, S.C.L.C.'s Georgia Field Secretary, told the Atlanta story to hundreds of Savannahians. Rev. Bennett's entire address dealt with the successes and

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FREE In '64 WITH 6,000 MORE

The Chatham County Crusade for Voters' 1964 Voter Registration Campaign has been defined as highly successful up to this point, by the president Hosea L. Williams. Mrs. Margaret Mollette, courthouse worker, said "we are

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Churches Financially Aid Struggling Crusaders

Hosea L. Williams, president of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters, extended thanks to the many pastors and their churches who are making a positive effort to get their members to join the "Dollars for Freedom."

Williams reported that the contribution of churches continues. Deacon Willie Winters turned in $30.00 that was taken up by Rev. Robert Sweet at Clifton Baptist Church. The Rev. L. B. Free reported $16.00

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ONLY UNWEDDED WHITE MOTHERS CARED FOR

Thousands of taxpayer dollars are already being spent to comfort and educate the unwedded mothers at the Florence Crittenton. The board's president, Everett Ellis reported that more than 162 unwedded mothers were cared for at the segregated "Unwedded Mothers' Home" in 1962. There are no facilities in Chatham County for unwedded Negro mothers. They are required to spend their days of pregnancy in the same ghettos disease breeded and crime producing environments. White mothers are taken out to the Florence Crittenton Home near Thunderbolt to spend their months of pregnancy and birth their child in comfort. The Board of Education furnishes full time school teachers that do nothing but educate these unwedded "ALL WHITE" mothers. The Negro unwedded mother is offered no educational opportuni-

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CRUSADERS GET REGISTRATION OFFICES

The Board of Registrars of Chatham County will add two additional temporary voter registration offices. One will be located on the East side of town in the community center of Hitch Village and the other will be located on the West side of town in the community center of Kayton Homes. The setting up of these two temporary voter registration offices is in keeping with the new law passed by the state legislature last year. The new law provides that counties, with 100 or more constituents, may register persons other than the official residence of the registration office.

The Board of Registrars are setting up these new offices in keeping with the new state law

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Georgia's Most Powerful Negro Politician

The Georgia Voter's League, most powerful Negro political organization in the state of Georgia, has revised its constitution. Many politicians consider the Georgia Voter's League as one of the most influential political organizations in the state of Georgia (among white and Negro) since its old-line leadership has combined forces with the new leadership.

The League is now headed by Bill Randall of Macon, Georgia and John Calhoun of Atlanta, Georgia. Hosea Williams of Savannah, Georgia and Jessie Hill of Atlanta, Georgia are the Co-Directors. Other youth leaders of the League include, Vernon Mitchell of Columbus, Georgia and Slater King of Albany, Georgia.

The League's Constitution was revised after Hosea Williams complained to the last annual convention about Fulton County's monopoly on power. Williams claimed "there will never be a state organization worth the paper it is written on until responsibilities and patronage are shared throughout the state. You cannot expect Negroes in Savannah, Columbus, Macon and all these other large cities to permit the Atlanta Negroes to do all of our thinking and receive all of our freedom. This is the reason the state candidates are not committed to helping the Negro in their struggle for freedom. They know there is no state loyalty to any one par-

- EDITORIAL -

FREEDOM FIGHT KNOWS NO CLASS

Dinner by dinner, party by party, and movie by movie, thousands of Savannah Negroes, and their visiting guests, have enjoyed the city's integrated facilities. That is as it should be —the facilities are to be used. But what have the thousands done to deserve these privileges?

Criticisms were rife during last summer's demonstrations, however, those who criticized the loudest were the first to enjoy what the demonstrations netted. This is unfair!!!!!!

In Savannah, as in other cities, the freedom fight is being waged by the little man, the man whose income is less than $2,000 per year. The little man whose family couldn't afford to let him remain in school beyond the sixth grade. The little man who never even dares dream of spending a night in the Manger or the DeSoto, because one in his economic status doesn't have dreams or build air castles. The yeoman's work done in today's freedom fight is being performed by the disadvantaged Negro who has nightmares, not dreams, knows disappointments, not promises kept, and enslavement to a way of life that is inescapable. But, in all of his frustrations, failures, and problems of merely existing from day to day, this little man has faith in America and her promises, therefore he dares wage a fight for freedom.

If you can enjoy the victories—you can fight in the battle. The battle is not limited to demonstrations. Money is needed. Do you honestly enjoy being in the integrated theater when you know all that you have contributed was the cost of admission? Do you honestly enjoy a meal in the Manger when you know all that you have contributed was the cost of the meal?

Because we want Canaan without Calvary $1600.00 worth of property will soon be lost. The bondsmen whose property will be lost did not offer this security for themselves. They offered it for all Negroes, and it is the duty of all Negroes to see that their property is not lost!

Workers are needed in the current registration campaign. Do you know that everyone in your block is registered? Have you offered to help in the campaign to add 6,000 new names to the list? Have you told your club members that they should help in the fight? Has your fraternity or sorority called to say, "Count on our support"?

One Negro isn't free until all Negroes are free. There is no class in this freedom fight! If you want to enjoy the spoils, you should enjoy the fight! If you can't fight for freedom, you don't deserve freedom!!

ATLANTA INTEGRATIONIST

failures of the Atlanta Negro.

"Operation Breadbasket has been one of the most effective things in Atlanta, Georgia" said Rev. Bennett. This program is being carried on in Atlanta, Georgia and is patterned after the Philadelphia story. Ministers of the Gospel have united themselves and are desperately fighting for the earthly rights of their members as well as trying to save their souls from hell. We have surveyed many business establishments and found out whether or not employment opportunities are based upon color or experience and education. Operation Breadbasket has gotten several hundred Negroes jobs. The ministers of Atlanta, Georgia go to Bread Companies, Soft Drink Companies, Department Stores, and many other such places in order to find out how many people are employed in each department or organization and whether or not Negroes have been excluded from certain type jobs. If it is proven that Negroes have been excluded, the ministers return to the various businesses and request that a sensible number of Negroes are hired in every division in the plant, store or establishment. If the owner refuses to grant the request of the ministers, they return to their pulpits and plead with their members not to trade at this establishment. Most of the owners or managers have been willing to hire the number of Negroes in various departments and divisions requested by the ministers. Others have refused to cooperate, but the boycott from the pulpit has often changed their minds. Rev. Bennett urged the ministers of Chatham County, Georgia to concern themselves more about the life of people and less about their souls. "As a Man Lives, So Shall He Die, I feel we have done too much about saving the souls of our members, and too little about saving their bodies. Heaven is our home, but let's not forget, we must live upon this earth until death do us part."

Rev. Bennett explained how more than 15,000 Negroes have been put on the Voter Registration List in Atlanta, Georgia. "If we are to ever be free upon this earth, the proper use of our votes will be the key that will open the door."

Rev. Fred C. Bennett said that he was a life long friend of Dr. Martin Luther King, urged all Savannahians to support the program of the SCLC. "We are in no opposition with any other civil rights organizations. Our program is clear and distinct and is unique, therefore we solicit the support of every right-thinking American and urge you also to support your choice of any other civil rights organization. Basically we are utilizing the strength of Christianity in redeeming the soul of America. Our program is not violent, but positive and effective. Dr. Martin Luther King cannot free the Negro, but he can give the guidance for the format of emancipation. With the help of the thousands of people, both educated and uneducated, both rich and poor, the guidance which Dr. King is able to give us will certainly result in freedom."

According to Ralph J. Bunch, never more than 80,000 to 90,000 Negro votes had been cast in general elections in the South up to 1940.

C's HONOR OUTSTANDING

has contributed most to the local freedom fight. A committee, headed by Benjamin Clarke, unanimously elected Dr. Martin Luther King because of his contribution to the Crusade for Voter's Freedom Now Movement last summer. Clarke said "It is a good possibility that the local hotels motels and theaters would not be integrated today had it not been for Dr. Martin Luther King. Although Mr. Williams had led one of the most effective Non-Violent Direct Action Programs in the south last summer, the white community had continuously refused to make any concessions until they learned that Dr. Martin Luther King and his aides had made reservations to fly into Savannah and personally command the Crusader's Non- Violent Direct Action Program. Dr. King deserves this award many times due to the thousands of dollars the Southern Christian Leadership Conference spent in the Savannah Freedom Now Movement. I am not sure of the exact amount, but I know the financial burden, borne by the SCLC in connection with this Savannah Non-Violent Direct Action Program cost far in excess of $10,000.00. Had it not been for the treasury of the SCLC, the Crusader's Freedom Now Movement would have folded up long before the white community decided to act partially as Christians and Americans.

Mr. W. W. Law was the recipient of the Crusader's second highest annual award. The Governor's Award is always given to the person considered the second most outstanding contributor of the Crusader's Freedom Now Movement program. Mr. Law received the award at one of the NAACP's weekly mass meetings from Benjamin Van Clarke, Assistant to the president of the Crusade for Voters.

The above photo shows Benjamin Van Clarke receiving the third highest award from the president of the CCCV, Hosea L. Williams. The third highest award (the Mayor's Award) is always given to the person who has made the third most important contribution to the Crusader's Freedom Now Movement.

FREEDOM IN 64 with 6000 M

registering more Negroes per day than we have ever before. The Negroes of Savannah have really become aware of their civic responsibilities. The registration clerks are usually very bitter toward Negro registrants, but they have not been able to disturb or run-off many Negroes in this present registration drive. The rejection of Negroes is 100 times that of whites. Many Negroes are grossly mistreated by the registration clerks. As long as I have been working down at the courthouse, I have yet to see a white person rejected. At the same time, many Negroes who can read and write as well as I are rejected. I have seen them turn down as many as 27 Negroes in one day, but they still keep coming."

The most productive area chairmen, up to this time, have been Mrs. Rebecca Jenkins, who is being assisted by Mrs. Rosa Clarke. Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Clarke registered more than 70 Negroes last week. Their area covers from the Savannah River south to Victory Drive and from East Broad Street, West to Bull Street.

The Street Corner Committee, worked by Mr. Lester (Big Lester) Hankerson and Mr. Henry (Trash) Brownlee, has been responsible for registering more than one fifth of the new voters. This committee averages about 30 new voters per day. The responsibility of this committe is to seek new registered voters from shine houses, bars, pool rooms, street corners, restaurants and other public places. The Crusade for Voters has purchased an old automobile, with the help of Mr. Sam Williams, to be used by the Street Corner Committee. The request for a full time automobile was made by Mr. Hankerson and Mr. Brownlee due to the fact that there are many times they have potential new voters, but lose them between the time they can acquire transportation.

Rev. Henry F. Grant, chairman of the Baptist Churches Committee and Rev. R. Richards, chairman of the Non-Baptist Churches Committee say "they are very pleased with the cooperation of the local ministers in the present voter registration drive."

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTE

that was taken up at Tiny Groves Baptist Church. Mr. George Sawyer reported $14.50 taken up by Rev. Washington at St. James A.M.E. Church. Rev. R. S. Culler reported $9.80 taken up at St. Thomas A.M.E. Church.

The last church contributions included $10.00 from First Brownville Baptist Church, $6.50 from Taylor Chapel A.M.E. Church and $4.00 from Bethlehem Baptist Church, Rev. L. S. Stell, Jr. pastor. Mrs. Wilhelmenia Frazier contributed $1.50 and Mrs. Anna Chaplin contributed $1.00.

Last minute reports included a $5.00 contribution from Zion White Bluff Church, Rev. William K. Miller, pastor. Rev. William K. Miller also reported $16.25 from another one of his churches, Friendship Baptist Church at Hudson Hill, Mrs. Doretha K. Wells $4.00.

REORGANIZED

tact Negroes throughout the state rather than being forced to deal with a central body that represents the state. I am sure the first district of Georgia will never accept taxation without representation, and that's all the League has offered us in the past because we have been completely left out of the decision making."

The revised constitution of the Georgia Voter's League is very similar to that of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters, which is headed by Hosea L. Williams. The power of the organization has been redistributed. The greater responsibilities lie in the hands of the district representatives, who will be elected in their respective districts rather than at a statewide meeting. Only the two Co-Chairmen, two Co-Vice Chairmen, two Congressional Directors, two State Senate Directors, two Co-Secretaries, a Treasurer, A Chaplain, a Parliamentarian, A Sergeant at Arms and similar officials of the Statewide Women's Auxiliary will be elected at statewide meetings.

District chairmen and all members of major standing committees will be elected by and in their respective district meetings. The revised constitution established standing committees such as; the Patronage Committee, Political Guidance Committee, Interview Committee, Church Work Committee, Business and Industry Committee, Legislative Committee, Organizational Committee, Program Committee, Entertainment Committee and Publicity Committee.

The Georgia's Voter League will hold a meeting in each district in order to organize all ten districts in the state of Georgia before its next statewide meeting which will be held on April 28, 1964 in Macon, Georgia. On February 29, 1964 a meeting will be held in Columbus, Georgia; March 7, 1964 the first district will meet in Savannah, Georgia; March 14, 1964 Greensboro will be the host for its district meeting; March 21, 1964 Waycross will host the 8th district meet; March 28, 1964 Albany will host the 2nd district meeting; April 4, 1964 Griffin will be host to its district meeting; April 11, 1964 Cedartown; and on April 18, 1964 Atlanta will be host to its district. A statewide meeting will be held in Macon, Georgia on April 28, 1964.

The constitution also requires each district to collect $10.00 from each county per year for membership dues. The $10.00 from each county must be collected by district officers and turned over to the state treasurer, no later than April 28. Coordinators for each district have been named by the state officials as follows:

Hosea Williams of Savannah has been given the responsibility of supervising the reorganizational activities of District 1, 2 and 8. Mr. John Calhoun of Atlanta has been given the responsibility of supervising the reorganizational activities of District 4, 5, and 7. Rev. Fred C. Bennett has been given the responsibility of supervising the reorganizational activities of District 9 and 10. William P. Randall of Macon is reorganizing District 6, and Vernon Mitchell of Columbus is reorganizing District 3.

Meredith Sees 'Supremacy' As Central Issue

TUCSON, Ariz. — James H. Meredith, who integrated the University of Mississippi, said an issue "even greater than the issue of slavery" is at heart of the civil rights struggle.

At the University of Arizona, where he appeared in a lecture series opened by Gov. George Wallace of Alabama last month, Meredith told an audience of 2,100 that the rights struggle is attacking the doctrine of white supremacy.

That issue, he said, "may be even greater than the issue of slavery" and the spark of another civil war.

UNWEDDED WHITE MOTHrs

ties by local politicians. They receive no such benefits from the taxpayers dollars.

Everett Ellis made public a board proposal to add "as soon as possible" a bedroom annex which would accommodate 8 additional mothers, and plans have been made for a second additional annex of the same capacity.

A report verified the rumor that a full time case worker was added to the staff and that the home was merged with the Bethesda - Children's Center, Inc. Negro unwedded mothers are denied any chance of ever getting the medical attention provided for unwedded white mothers. This gives the unborn Negro a great disadvantage. Psychiatrists have proved, along with many other astounding men of the medical profession, that attitudes, mental capabilities and physical fitness begins with an individual while being carried in its mother's womb; meaning, unborn white children at Florence Crittenton Home are given every advantage over unborn Negro children who are forced to be cared for and birthed in the ruins of poverty.

Six thousand new registered voters may not integrate the Florence Crittenton Home but might guarantee adequate care, paid for with tax dollars, for the unwanted, "unwedded" Negro mothers.

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in hopes that it will make registration more convenient for all persons living on the East and West sides of Savannah, Georgia. Many citizens have not been able to go downtown to register for many reasons. Block workers have reported that many mothers and fathers refuse to go downtown because of the time involved in "dressing-up" and traveling to the courthouse and back home. The setting up of registration offices in Hitch Village and Kayton Homes should eliminate this problem. Many mothers and fathers will be able to walk across the street or catch a bus to the corner of West Broad and Gwinnett Streets or East Broad and Wheaton Streets, walk over to the Community Center in the low rent housing projects and get themselves registered without any delay.

Gregory Hits Jail Abuses

ATLANTA—Comedian Dick Gregory charged here that women demonstrators were fondled and manhandled by intoxicated trusties, following their arrest during a recent desegregation demonstration.

Testifying during a hearing for one of the demonstrators, S. Taylor Washington, Gregory and others said men and women were placed in the same detention area but that men in the group erected a barricade of metal cots after learning that trusties "fondled" the women while tranporting them from one floor to another.

STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S Heritage

The above photo shows Mr. Debra Dixon as he marches Boy Scouts along West Broad Street in Annual Parade.

The above photo shows Pack #285 of Thunderbolt. Hosea Williams, II, is carrying the flag as one of the Den Mothers, Mrs. Retha Stevens, walks along in background.

Scout Master Chauffers well-wishers. Mr. James Cobham, Scout Master of Troop 255 of Butler Presbyterian Church driving truck in Annual Parade.

DEN MOTHERS OF PACK 263. L-R Mrs. Arna Cooper, Mrs. Edna DeLoach and Mrs. Dora Kelsey.

The above photo shows Randall Heard, Jr., giving the Boy Scout salute at the end of the parade.

Local High School Band give gaiety during their performance in Annual Boy Scout Parade.

The above photo shows Crusaders Learning from the Learned. This is Section B of Newlight Baptist Church listening to a Freedom Speech being delivered by Rev. Fred C. Bennett of Atlanta, Georgia.

The above photo shows Mr. Joseph Atkinson receiving an Honorary Gift from Mrs. Adele Black, program director of St. Thomas A.M.E. Church. Mr. Atkinson delivered the Founder's Day Address last Sunday. Rev. R. Plummer, pastor of St. Thomas A.M.E. Church said "Our speaker today was eloquent, informative and his address was challenging." Officials of St. Thomas A.M.E. Church also presented gifts to Mr. Hosea L. Williams, Mr. Benjamin Van Clarke, and Mr. W. W. Law. These persons received gifts in honor of the great contributions "they have made in this effort to redeem the souls of America" said Mrs. Black.

HI HAT LANES Top Ten Records

By Clarence Owens

1. Never Too Much Love
   Jerry Butler
2. Loufe, Louie
   The Kingsmen
3. Quicksand
   Martha and the Vandells
4. Baby Don't You Weep
   James Brown
5. For Your Precious Love
   Garnette Mimms
6. Laugh It Off
   The Tams
7. Um, Um, Um
   Major Lance
8. Who's Gonna Take Care Of Me
   Justine Washington
9. Good News
   Sam Cooke
10. His Kiss
    Betty Harris

Teens Cast your vote every Saturday evening during the weekly HI HAT LANES RECORD HOP AND BOWLING PARTY. Free Prizes are given away.

Announcement

To: Parents of Pre-School Pupils

Subject: Pre-School Round-UP —J.H.C. Butler School

We are announcing our preschool round-up, February 1-15.

Parents who will have children entering school for the term 1964-65 please be present for Parents' Orientation Night, March 10, 1964, 7:30 P.M. in the school's cafetorium. This meeting is designed to give you important information concerning your child, before he/she enters school in September.

Pre-School Program
J. H. C. Butler School
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St. Pius X Student Wins Essay Contest

Miss Janet Jones, sophomore of St. Pius High School, won the Diocesan essay competition for an essay entitled, "My Parish."

This competition was open to all high schools in the Diocese of Savannah. Entries were received from Savannah Catholic High Schools, Augusta, Macon and Columbia.

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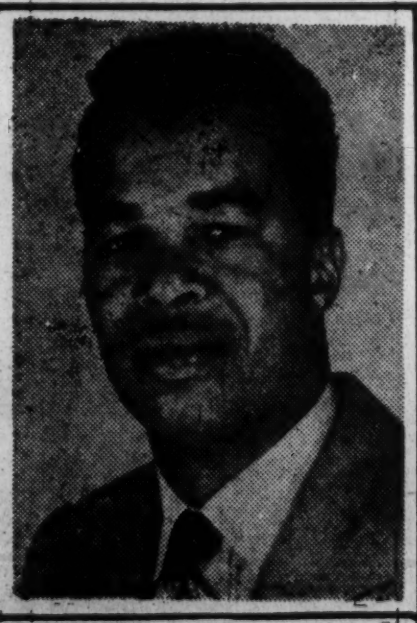

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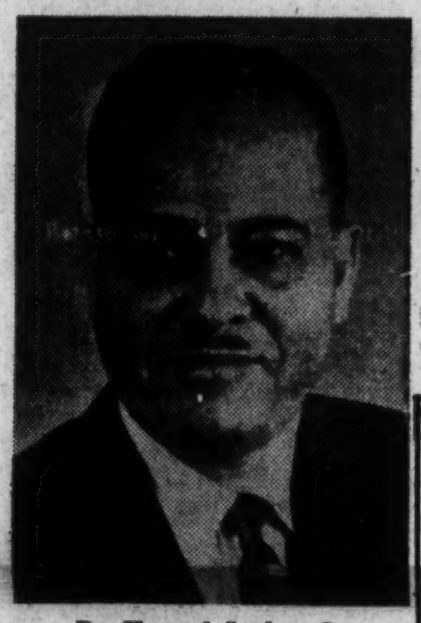
The above photo shows interested citizens of Chatham County and Rev. Fred C. Bennett of S.C.L.C. L-R Fred C. Bennett, standing behind Rev. Bennett is Rev. Elmor Ware, next to Rev. Bennett is Mrs. Eva Manor, Mrs. Henry F. Grant, Rev. Henry F. Grant, Mrs. Ethel Williams and Mrs. Alice McKennie.

Heads Chatham District Substaining Membership Enrollment



Dr. Howard Jordan, Jr.

Dr. Howard Jordan, Jr. president of Savannah State College recently accepted the general chairmanship of the Chatham District Boy Scouts Substaining Membership Enrollment, in an announcement made earlier this week by George Patterson, president, Liberty National Bank and general chairman for the Coastal Empire Council.

THE NEGRO PRESS Prints News That Other Papers Ignore

Sadness and pity

Colored voters, and prospective voters, should recall the following names with sadness and pity and cast their ballots accordingly:

DEMOCRATS — Edwin E. Willis of Louisiana, Basil L. Whitener of North Carolina, and James L. Whitten of Mississippi.

REPUBLICANS — Richard H. Poff of Virginia, William C. Cramer of Florida, and George Meader of Michigan.

One observer said that if the gentlemen named above had their way, they would ban the Magna Carta, tear up the Emancipation Proclamation, and scrap the Constitution.

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Voters Registration Board to Meet

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION C. C. C. D. PERSON REPORTING Mrs. Henry Brownlee PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2/10/64 TO 2/14/64

STREET ADDRESS 511 W. Bolton St. CITY Sav. COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/14/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1-Dist. WARD, BEAT, ETC Bars, Street Corners, Pool rooms.

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION C. C. R. D. PERSON REPORTING ~~Rebecca Jenkins~~ Rose L. Clark PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2-10-64 TO 2-14-64

STREET ADDRESS 405 E Perry St CITY Savah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2-14-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 4th WARD, BEAT, ETC 1st thru 15th

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION C.C.R.D. PERSON REPORTING Mrs. J. L. Hankerson PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2/10/64 TO 2/14/64

STREET ADDRESS 512 W. 35th St. CITY Sav. COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/14/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1-Dist. WARD, BEAT, ETC Bars, Street Corners, Pool rooms.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Alberta Williams PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM Feb 11-64 TO Feb 14-64

STREET ADDRESS 137 Millen St CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham Co STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED:

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC Transportation & Area Work

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Mrs Alberta Williams

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ORGANIZATION Chatham County Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs. Dora Burke PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2-11-64 TO 2-13-64

STREET ADDRESS 2029 Eppinger St. CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2-14-64

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Margaret Mallette PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 3rd TO 7th

STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2-14-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC Chatham Co. Court House

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING M Mallette PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 10th TO 14th

STREET ADDRESS 2305 Burroughs CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2-14-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC Chatham Co. Court House

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FORM VEP-2 Rev N. F. Grant

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Church Committee PERSON REPORTING 1 PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM _____ TO _____

STREET ADDRESS 213 1/2 Park Ave CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2, 14, 62

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC Church Work

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade For Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs Adline Bradshaw PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2-11 TO 2-12 1964

STREET ADDRESS 1408 Church St. CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: Feb. 17, 1964

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs. Lillian Johnson PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2/3/64 TO 2/14/64

STREET ADDRESS 725 Yamacraw W. CITY Savan. COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/17/64

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham County Voters Registration PERSON REPORTING Mrs. Dora Burke PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1-14-64 TO 1-18-64

STREET ADDRESS 2029 Eppinger CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 1-18-1964

ECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1 WARD, BEAT, ETC 1A

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

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STREET ADDRESS 405 E Perry CITY Savah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2-21-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 4th WARD, BEAT, ETC 1— 15—

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ORGANIZATION Church Committee (Bapt) PERSON REPORTING (3) 17-21, 64 PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM _____ TO _____

STREET ADDRESS 213 1/2 W Park CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2 21, 62

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ORGANIZATION C.C.R.D. PERSON REPORTING Mr. Henry Brownlee / Mrs. J. L. Hankerson PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2/17/64 TO 2/21/64

STREET ADDRESS 511 W. Bolton St. CITY Sav. COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/21/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1-Dist. WARD, BEAT, ETC. Bars, Pool rooms, Street Corners, Barber shops.

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STREET ADDRESS 512 W. 35th St. CITY Sav. COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/21/64

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION C. C. R. D. PERSON REPORTING Mr. Henry Crowder PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2/17/64 TO 2/21/64

STREET ADDRESS 511 W. Bolton St. CITY Sav. COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/21/64

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING M. Mallette PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1/20 TO 2/20

STREET ADDRESS 2305 Burroughs Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2-21-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC _____

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ORGANIZATION Chatham County Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs. Dora Burke PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2-18-64 TO 2-20-64

STREET ADDRESS 2029 Eppingett CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2-22-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1 WARD, BEAT, ETC 1A

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ORGANIZATION Chatham County Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs Alma Middleton PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM _____ TO _____

STREET ADDRESS 458½ West Broad St CITY Savah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: Feb. 22-1964

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ORGANIZATION Chatham Co Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs Ollie Brackeen PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM _____ TO _____

STREET ADDRESS 1408 Church St. CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2-24-1964

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES District 1 WARD, BEAT, ETC Precinct 1-A

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COUNTY POLICE BEAT 14 YEAR OLD

It was reported to the Chatham County Crusade for Voters office that Charles Henry Hill of Fair Street was beaten by two county policemen and jailed.

The beating took place on Fair Street at the scene of an automobile accident. The matter was investigated by the officials of the CCCV after the parents of Charles requested help in getting their son's release from jail and charges that he had been beaten by two county policemen. The report stated that one of the county policemen held Charles

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Housing Negroes Becomes Critical

The Chatham County Crusade for Voters have launched a survey program to determine just what extent *Negro Housing is Needed.* The program was launched after the CCCV's office received many requests by Negroes who claimed they were unable to find suitable housing. The CCCV's office has been instrumental in helping three divorcees with large families who were evicted, to find livable housing within the past three weeks. Most families

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REPUBLICANS IGNORE NEGROES

At the Republican County Convention, held in the City Auditorium last Saturday, Negroes were boldly excluded from the delegations for the District and State Conventions. They were also excluded from the Executive Committee. This action was unprecedented and Mr. Benjamin S. Adams, a veteran Republican, and past county chairman, saw his every effort soundly defeated and later stated the total exclusion of Negroes was a shock to him.

What has made the party of Lincoln become the Party of

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Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. To Speak Here

Crusade for Voters' officials announced that Mrs. Coretta Scott King, wife of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will address the citizens of Chatham County Wednesday night, March 4, 1964, 8:00 P.M., First African Baptist Church, which is located on the corner of West Bryant and Montgomery Street (On Montgomery one block south of Bay Street), Rev. William Franklin Stokes, pastor.

Beautiful Mrs. Coretta Scott King is a native of Marion, Alabama. She is a graduate of Antioch College, Yellow Spring, Ohio. Her major was music and elementary education. Mrs. King became nationally known while attending New England Conservatory of Music where she majored in Voice and Education.

She and Dr. Martin Luther

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DR. HEDGEMAN VISITS SAVANNAH

Dr. Anna A. Hedgeman, former member of New York's Ex-Mayor Robert Wagner's cabinet for four years and now director of special events for the Committee on Religion and

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King Organization Expanded

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, announced that the organization had established a Washington, D. C. Bureau. This new office will serve the needs of SCLC on capitol hill.

Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy of Washington, D. C. was named director by Dr. King. In announcing the expansion move, Dr. King noted that it had become necessary to establish direct contact with Capitol Hill and the various departments of the Federal government due to the critical civil rights situation in Washington. Rev. Fauntroy will serve as Dr. King's

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Dr. A. D. King Addresses Registration Rally

Dr. A. D. King, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, was the guest speaker at the Crusade for Voters' registration rally Wednesday night of last week. Dr. King congratulated citizens of Chatham County on their accomplishments, such as integrated hotels, motels, etc. However, the major part of his address dealt with admonishing Negroes on token integration. "Savannah has come a long way, but it is in no way where it ought to be. I am sure the little token integration the white people have given you will in no way deter you from struggling for your rightful positions in the main streams of American life. It is wonderful to demonstrate. I have involved myself many times in non-violent direct action programs, but I want you to know that until Negroes in

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SAVANNAH BEAUTICIAN TO MEET MRS. KING

Officers and members of the Savannah Beauty Culture League, local No. 301, Mrs. Marie Smalls, president, will meet with the wife of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Wednesday, March 4, 1964.

Officials of the Crusade for Voters asked the Beauty Culture League to act as receptionists for Mrs. King, during her visit to Savannah to speak in connection with the present registration drive.

The committee of Beauticians will meet Mrs. King at the Municipal Airport at 1:30 p.m. to welcome her to Savannah, Georgia. The Committee will then escort Mrs. King to her place of housing. Later in the afternoon beauticians will meet with Mrs. King in a dinner meeting in order to discuss participation of the beauticians in Chatham and surrounding counties in the Freedom Now Movement. The beauticians are also responsible for the Wednesday night Mass Registration Rally which will be held at First African Baptist Church, Bryant and Montgomery Streets, Rev. William Franklin Stokes, pastor.

A Typical New Negro

Alphonso Rivers is a typical example of the byproducts of last summer's demonstrations. This young man has always contributed what he thought was his fair share to the American society. He is well known throughout the coastal empire of Georgia. His fame began with his ability to deal with the masculinity of football effectively during his school days

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- EDITORIAL -

WHAT THINK YE OF ME?

This question will be answered many times and in many ways before another president is elected. You'll be benefitted by following the candidates along the campaign trail by reading their speeches, listening to their radio and TV responses, and reading about them.

"Jet" published this about Senator Barry Goldwater.

GOP presidential hopeful Sen. Barry Goldwater is a scream. He likes to tell jokes, like this one: An Irishman. Negro and Jew, as Goldwater tells it, appear at the gates of heaven and are told by St. Peter that he will grant each of them one wish. The Irishman wants a supply of Irish whiskey to last through eternity. The Negro, segregated and mistreated on earth, wants a large white house, a solid gold Cadillac and $2 million. The Jew, Goldwater (his father was Jewish) confides, said, "Just give me $30 worth of costume jewelry and that colored boy's address."

Racial jokes are passe and repulsive, but the Senator doesn't have that knowledge. Each ethnic group in America, and the country is full of them, has fought for first class citizenship. The late President's father attended Harvard when Irishmen were unwelcome. Yet, the Irish comprised a great perecntage of Boston's population. Eastern Europeans coming to this country by the thousands and settling in the Midwest, found themselves fighting what they were trying to escape, persecution, ghettos, lack of opportunity, and segregation. But they saw in America great opportunities and consolidated their human and financial resources to combat discriminatory practices and gain first class citizenship. The struggle hasn't ended, but they are pitching and pitching hard!

Now, the Negro came to America long before the Irish, Swedes, Norwegians, Dutch, or others, but what are you doing to combat the discrimination that has endured for centuries?

A few weeks ago, Dr. Benjamin Mays said "Negroes should seek recognition through research conducted, not fine cars driven. Be known for books and articles written, not the expert hand of bridge played, or the elaborate home." Dr. Mays was not telling us to deny ourselves luxuries, but he was telling us that we have so much catching up to do that we can't squander time, money, nor talent. As Dr. King stated in January, we have myths to explode.

Last week, Dr. Ann Hedgeman stated that some of the liquor, rum and cigarette money should go into our voter registration campaign.

The gentleman from Arizona was right. We have been denied even minimum standard housing. We have been denied a fair opportunity to be educated. We have been denied a fair share of the labor market, but now things are changing, and we must change, too. We know opportunities are opening up more rapidly than we can prepare for them, therefore we can't be idle. We have no leisure. As Mr. Hosea Williams said one Saturday morning, "we couldn't leave our jobs and go swimming because we had to fight for a place to swim."

What think ye of me? Senator Barry Goldwater thinks we don't know the value of the dollar, or the ballot. He thinks we're stupid, childlike, wastrels attracted to the beads and baubles of life. He thinks we want only the tinsel of life. Is freedom worth that quarter spent each day for cigarettes? Is it worth the new suit for Easter? Is it worth the new car, just because the model has changed? Is it worth the party you're planning? Think it over, and when you're tempted to overlook a contribution to freedom, remember Mr. Goldwater thinks our $2 million would go for someone else's $30 worth of junk!

Mrs. Martin

King, Jr. were married in 1953 and are now the parents of four wonderful children.

Mrs. King is not only a nationally known concert singer but she is an orator within her own rights. She has had the fortune of telling the Birmingham, the Montgomery, the Albany and many other freedom struggles across the nation to large audiences. She has personally involved herself in much of the freedom struggling that is now going on across the southland.

Miss Bernita Darby, Program Chairman, announced that all demonstrators who were arrested last summer, would be awarded certificates of appreciation for their valid contributions to the Savannah Freedom Now Movement, which will be signed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Hosea L. Williams and youth leader Benjamin Van Clarke.

The Crusaders' Freedom Chorus, led by Miss Carolyn Roberts will also be asked to be on hand to thrill and enthuse the audience with their usual talent and spirit of freedom.

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from the back around his neck while the other county policeman hit Charles over the head with his fists.

Mrs. Bernice Hill, mother of Charles, stated that she was hit by one of the county policemen while she was trying to stop them from beating her son. She stated, "After I stopped them from beating my boy, they then took him off to jail and charged him with several charges."

A meeting between Crusade officials, county policemen and the Hill family verified that the boy was beaten.

Negroes witnessing the incident also accused the policemen of cursing and abusing the crowd. At the meeting held between county policemen and Crusaders' officials, the policeman that hit the boy admitted that he did curse and abuse the crowd in the presence of county policeman Chief Love.

Chief Love stated that he would not tolerate any type of police brutality but he would also not tolerate an attack upon his policemen.

Hosea Williams, president of the Crusade for Voters, said "My major interest in this case is to find out whether or not county policemen actually beat a fourteen year old boy. I will not uphold any citizen who violates the law but at the same time, any policeman should be able to arrest a fourteen year old boy without beating him."

Charles has been released from the juvenile home in the custody of his parents until trial. The Crusaders agreed to assist Mrs. Hill in clearing up this matter. Mrs. Hill presented the Crusaders with a fifty dollar lawyer's bill, which she stated was a fee charged to defend my son against all those charges.

DR. HEDGEMAN

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Race of the National Council of Churches, shared the platform with Dr. A. D. King at a voter registration rally sponsored by the Chatham County Crusade for Voters on Wednesday night of last week, held at the St. Phillips A.M.E. Church, Rev. Ben Gay, Pastor.

Dr. Hedgeman, who is considered as one of the most forthright and effective female political freedom fighters in America, lived up to her reputation. She charged the Negro public with apathy and om mission.

Dr. Hedgeman said "The struggle for freedom is nothing new. Our involvement is the beginning of the end of the struggle that was started hundreds of years ago by slaves in this nation. Still Away, Joshua fought the battle of Jerico, Didn't my Lord Deliver Daniel, and many of today's most popular freedom and spiritual songs were created under the real yoke of oppression. We owe those people something, just as we owe ourselves. We owe a debt that can only be paid at the ballot box. It is not enough to be a registered voter, but you must see to it that every church member, every member of your organization, every person that lives in your block, is registered. Yes registered, but Vote - Vote.

Dr. A. D. King

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Chatham County are registered to vote in large numbers and vote in every election, you will never be free," said Dr. King.

Dr. King told the crowd "We have been waiting for the right time a long time. That time that we have waited so patiently on is now at hand. There is no time for us to fight or even think about who will get the credit. You don't have to tell me, but I will bet Savannah is just like every other major city. By that I mean, you have your split here, don't you ? You don't have to tell me, I know it is here. Right? Negroes are about to reach the point that they fight for recognition harder than they fight for freedom. This is one sure way for us to help the white man, not only keep us in slavery, but to assure the slavery of generations unborn. Negroes need to get back together and stop all of this bickering and squabbling about who is going to do the job. I tell you my friends the time is here, the soil is ripe, freedom is available. Freedom is available in our land, during our time, but we will never be free as long as we are divided. And, in the same breath I can tell you that if we will only stick together and work unselfishly, freedom will be ours."

Dr. King remained in Savannah until the following day. He was housed in one of Savannah's downtown newly integrated hotels."

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spokesman on Capitol Hill and will keep SCLC constantly informed on matters related to civil rights.

Rev. Fauntroy, who is pastor of Washington, D. C.'s new Bethel Baptist Church, helped coordinate the extensive preparation for the historic march on Washington last August.

More recently, he may be remembered by many friends riding in the memorial services held for the late President Kennedy last December in which he carried the torch from the eternal flame at the late president's gravesite to ceremonies presided over by President Johnson at the Lincoln Memorial. He is a native of Washington, D.C., holds an A.B. degree from Virginia Union, B.D. degree from Yale University and is married to the former Dorothy Simms of Petersburgh, Virginia.

Housing Needs For Negroes

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complaining of not being able to obtain suitable housing, are in the unemployment or underemployment category.

"The Low Rent Housing Projects are just not able to take everyone that qualifies and are in need of housing because they are already filled," said a responsible source. "The present administration is responsible for these people not being able to locate housing that they can afford. The Federal Government approved more than 400 Low Rent Housing Units about six years ago, but only 164 of the allotted number have been built. I am sure this is due to the fact that the Federal Government only affords $2 out of every $3 that is spent for this type of venture. The other dollar comes from local tax treasures There are nearly 200,000 people in Chatham County, but only about 68,000 are Negroes. Yet, there are five low rent housing projects for Negroes, while there are only two for white. This is due to Negroes being discriminated against in job opportunities. Negroes are just as white people when it comes to home ownership, but they are forced to live in low rent housing projects because of the lack of equal job opportunities. The government should see to it that Negroes are allowed equal opportunities for employment, but they definitely should see to it that those persons who are denied equal employment opportunities have suitable housing," said Williams.

Benjamin Van Clarke, youth leader of the Crusader's Freedom Now Movement, said "I am more interested in seeing Negroes apply for housing at the ALL-WHITE LOW RENT HOUSING PROJECTS rather than sitting around arguing about additional units because there are available housing in the low rent housing projects where the whites only live. I will bet my life that if Negroes will make a positive effort through legal means to get into the all white low rent housing projects, Mayor Maclear and his group would see to it that low rent housing is available to Negroes who are forced to seek it."

Republicans Ignore Negroes

Segregation? A fight for survival!

Where there has been a two party system in the South, Negroes have always been a part of the Republican Party. The southern Democrat has never accepted the Negro in the county, district and state conventions. He has had to accept him at national conventions.

Senator Barry Goldwater represents a perpetuation of a way of life not advocated by the late and lamented President Kennedy, President Johnson, or Governor Rockefeller. Senator Goldwater has strong appeal to the Southerner, the Midwesterner, and many Westerners. Most Goldwater supporters were, four years ago, dyed in the wool Democrats who hoped to see President Kennedy and his liberal views defeated.

This failing, and finding that Mr. Kennedy acted as strongly as he talked, Conservatives began mushrooming and saying, "Elect us and we'll retain the status quo."

These "If I were not a Democrat, I'd be ashamed of myself" Democrats, began an all out effort to support the Arizona Senator. He's a Republican, hopeful of getting the nomination in San Francisco, and his bandwagon seemed a good one to jump on!

It isn't my intention to even infer that all Republicans in the South are bolters from the Democratic Party. This is not true. I am saying most of the "Johnny Come Latelys" have become dissatisfied in the last four years, and renounced their allegiance to the Democrats, jumped on the Goldwater bandwagon hoping to impede America's progress toward an actual democracy.

Why? The answer is simple, very elementary.

People who in five years have seen more desegregation than their parents witnessed in a lifetime, are frantic! They are like the proverbial drowning man who will grab a straw to remain afloat. These people have seen white and colored signs removed from water fountains, restrooms, lunch counters, etc. These people have sat in P.T.A.'s with Negro parents, because their children were attending the same school. These people have seen troops moved into Mississippi and the Assistant Attorney General in Alabama. These people have seen the words "Equal Opportunity Employer" in want ads and they know their days of "white is right" are numbered.

The garden that formerly had two paths, one white and one colored, is becoming one garden. Barriers of inferior training, unequal job opportunities, segregation and discrimination are tumbling. No longer do you walk along the human garden and see healthy white roses on one side and sickly, undernourished colored roses on the other side. Today as you stroll through the human garden, whether looking for an executive secretary, politician, scientist, machinist, key punch operator, singer or what have you, you'll find the garden integrated. The process was sudden, it was gradual, sometimes almost imperceptive, but it has come and the Goldwater supporters have recognized the change as potential, but sure, death to their way of life.

Republican Negroes in this county must marshall their supporters, close ranks, and fight for the return of the Real Republican Party. It is sad indeed that more than a century after the death of the Great Emancipator his party should become the party of segregation. The sadness is deepened when we realize that Negroes seeing forecasts of Saturday, failed to prepare to meet it. A fight was made, a valiant attempt was made, but it wasn't enough—there wasn't the necessary strength for the battle.

Let us here praise Ben Clark. Mr. Clark is not a veteran Republican, nor is he a Democrat—he registered and attended the convention for the experience and knowledge he would gain. He took experience and knowledge with him stood tall for what was right.

If Chatham's Negro Republicans were asleep, events on Saturday should awaken them. It isn't too late. A fight can still be waged, but they'll need heavy ammunition. Light artillery will disintegrate before the big guns of the Conservatives. Factions are not new. There have always been factions—Negro, Negro factions; white-white factions, but to exclude an entire race of people—this is unprecedented!

Negroes in general, and Chatham's Negroes in particular, should realize this is no time vying, but a time for joining. If incumbents need to be replaced, that should be done. Now, as never before, we need action. Any group can encourage registration, and the Republicans should join with the Crusade for Voters to increase the number of Negro registered voters to the extent that no major party in this country would ever dare again exclude an entire race of people.

To their destruction, Negroes were hares and the Conservatives tortoises.

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Crusader's Sympathizer

Miss Carrie Lee Maynor, employee of the Lester Shoe Store on Broughton Street, drops in at the Crusaders' Headquarters to pick up a copy of THE CRUSADER. Miss Maynor is a registered voter in District 1, Precinct 1.

THE NEGRO PRESS Prints News That Other Papers Ignore

A Typical New Negro

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at Alfred E. Beach.

Al's desired reputation continued in the sports circles and social circles by exemplifying an unusual ability in the dancing world. He started participating in the program of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters after the organization launched its non-violent direct action program against segregation last summer. He began with the organization as one of the mass crusaders and worked his way up through the ranks to the position of captain. Later on, he was elected as financial secretary.

He has proven to be one of the most trusted and unselfish workers among the Crusaders. He is also solely responsible for soliciting the finances needed for publishing the *Crusader*. The time involved in this position alone requires more than the hours of workweek. Al earns his living as a full time faculty worker. His working hours vary from week to week, meaning some weeks Al works from 7:00 to 3:00, other weeks from 3:00 to 11:00 and still other weeks from 11:00 to 8:00. But, whatever shift Al has to work, he still finds time to keep the financial records of the Crusader's Freedom Now Movement and sell enough ads to publish the *Crusader* twice monthly.

Al contributes his time to the Crusader's Freedom Now Movement free of charge. He is not compensating for the more than 50 hours he works for the Crusader every week. When asked what made him join the freedom fight, Al says "I want to be free and the only way to be free is to fight for it. I don't believe no man will ever be free until he is willing and makes the necessary sacrifice to gain his freedom."

The Freedom Fight will soon be over if the movement could find a few more Al Rivers. He should be thanked and congratulated by every American, because he is certainly performing a duty that would enhance the freedom of every man living and generations unborn.

FIVE MILE BEND JOINS DRIVE

The above photo shows citizens of the Garden City Five Mile Bend Community attending a voter registration rally, Friday, February 21, 1964 at Fairlawn Baptist Church, Deacon Joe Cooper, Chairman of the Deacon Board.

The meeting was sponsored by Mrs. Louise Baxter, area chairman for the Garden City, Rosenal Hill and Five Mile Bend Section. Mrs. Baxter was assisted by Mrs. Mable Dawson who is instructor of the Five Mile Bend Adult Citizenship School.

Miss Carolyn Roberts and the Freedom Chorus led the crowd in freedom songs. Hosea Williams, president of the Crusade for Voters, was the guest speaker.

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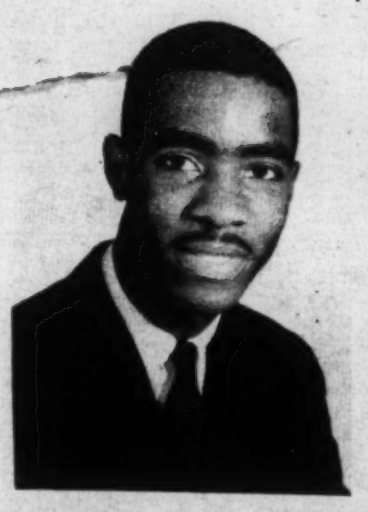

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He said, "For the first time since I have been associated with the civil rights movement, students from all high schools have come together for a movement other than direct action.

All those persons who have helped to make the March a success has my heart-felt thanks.

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For further information contact George Shinhoster, general chairman, AD 8-8127.

Worcester, N. Y., Times and Monitor: "Here is a good indication of the 'progress' being made in extending government supervision and attempts at contral over the agricultural industry of the United States. This is a fact to ponder: While the number of farms and farm workers in the United States has dwindled considerably since 1935, the Department of Agriculture has jumped up the number of its employees by quite a margin. Back in 1935 the department hired one employee for 80 farms while at present there is one person engaged for every 28 farms in the United States. Fewer farms but more folks on the payroll! That seems to be a familiar pattern in Washington."

CANTON, N. C., Enterprise: "This is the time of the year when a person has to start that annual battle with the taxes. As sure as January 1 rolls around, you can depend on getting reminded by every form of government that it's time to consider what you owe 'them' for the services you receive."

ST. CLAIR, MO., Chronicle: "It is amazing that there are still millions of Americans who are proud of working, proud of a job well done, proud of using their intelligence and who spurn the welfare graft. Indeed, those under 30 years old can remember nothing but the welfare state."

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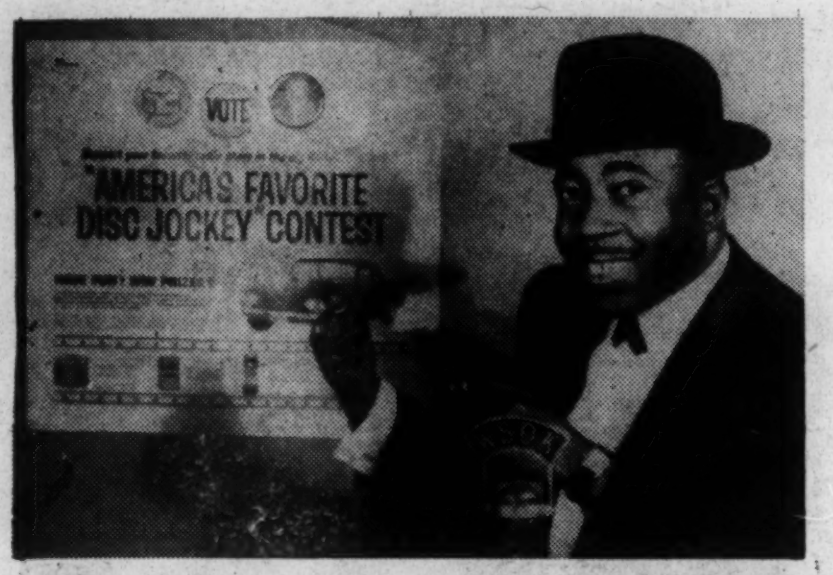
Miss Hicks learned to type while attending Tompkins High School and participating in the Diversified Cooperative Training Program, under the leadership of Professor Clarence Lofton.



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Georgia's School Intergration Ridiculous

In Georgia, 177 Negroes are attending 18 formerly white schools. Thirty-five Negroes are attending 5 of the 21 formerly white state institutions of higher learning. Exactly .052 percent of the Negroes of school age in the state of Georgia are now attending integrated schools. Georgia rates fourth in the nation in token integration. Mississippi, Alabama, and South Carolina are the only states in the Union that are less democratic and less Christian when it comes to allowing Negroes equal educational opportunities.

.53 percent of North Carolina's Negroes are attending integrated schools. .602 percent of Louisiana's Negroes are attending integrated schools. Arkansas is allowing .968 percent and Florida 1.53 percent of the Negroes to attend integrated schools. Virginia has 1.57 percent, Tennessee 2.71 percent, Texas 4.29 percent and Oklahoma 28.1 percent.

This will continue for decades to come if Negroes allow the white politicians and Boards of Education to decide whether or not their children are entitled to an equal education. This is one of the cases civil disobedience must be directed at. The United States Supreme Court said that school segregation was wrong, undemocratic and unChristianlike in 1954.

Within a few days, the states and federal government would have had an entire decade to comply with the decision of the Supreme Court of our land.

West Virginia is allowing 87.9 percent of her Negroes to attend integrated schools and in Washington, D.C. there are 83.8 percent and in Delaware 55.4 percent of the Colored citizens are being allowed an equal opportunity in education. Kentucky allows 6 percent more Negroes to attend integrated schools than Maryland which is allowing 48.3 percent. Missouri, which falls between Maryland and Oklahoma allows 42.1 percent of the Negro citizens to acquire an equal education.

About .001% of the Negro students of Chatham County are attending integrated schools. The Negro community should be growing restless of such ridiculous token integration. Benjamin Van Clarke, youth leader of Chatham County, said "Demonstrations will be the only way to get any considerable or acceptable degree of school integration in Chatham County."

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L-R Ronnie Stevens, Stephen Murray, Linda Stevens, (back) Ernest Wiggins, Andrea Williams, G. L. Jason, Yolanda Williams (arm raised), Hosea Williams, II and Dafney Bryant.

Master Hosea Williams, II entertained nine of his friends on his ninth birthday, Sunday, February 23, 1964 at his home on Gilbert Street. The children had loads of fun playing games, dancing and popping popcorn. Guests not shown on the picture were Raleigh Bryant and Joselyn Bryant. Leading the games was Miss Elizabeth Williams.

TWENTY-FIVE SEEK RIGHTS JOBS

Twenty-Five students have submitted applications for civil rights jobs in the south this summer, according to Joel F. Henning 3L, head of the Law Students' Civil Rights Auxiliary Group.

In addition to clerkships with civil rights lawyers, some students will be assigned teaching duties at Toogaloo Southern Christian College, the only willingly integrated institution in Mississippi.

Teaching assignments will probably be in the area of prelaw. Henning is hopeful that all appliacnts will be found jobs, and he is pleased that so many are seeking these positions that pay no salary.

Other students interested in working for room, board and civil rights may contact Henning, he said. The Chatham County Crusade for Voters have requested their organization be placed on the waiting list. Benjamin Van Clarke said "We are trying to recruit as much help as we possibly can for next summer because it seems like the restaurants and job opportunities will force us to demonstrate again in Chatham County."

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Transportation

ORGANIZATION C.C.R.D. PERSON REPORTING Rebecca Jenkins PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2-3-64 TO 2-28-64

STREET ADDRESS 405 E Perry St CITY Savah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2-28-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 14th WARD, BEAT, ETC 1-15

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

R. Henry Brownlee

ORGANIZATION C.C.R.D. PERSON REPORTING W. J. Henderson PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2/24/64 TO 2/28/64

STREET ADDRESS 511 W. Bolton CITY Sav. COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/28/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1-Dist. WARD, BEAT, ETC Bars, Street Corners, Pool rooms, moonshine houses, Barbers shops and alley ways.

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs. M. Mollette PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 24th TO 28th

STREET ADDRESS 2305 Burroughs CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2-28-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC Chatham Co. Court House

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION C.C.R.D. PERSON REPORTING Rebecca Jenkins Rose S. Clark Helper PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2-24 TO 2-28-64

STREET ADDRESS 405 E Perry St CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2-28-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 4th WARD, BEAT, ETC 1-13-

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION C. C. R. D. PERSON REPORTING Mrs. J. L. Harkerson PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2/24/64 TO 2/28/64

STREET ADDRESS 512 W. 35th St. CITY Sav. COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/28/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1-Dist. WARD, BEAT, ETC. Bars, Pool rooms, Street Corners, Barber Shops, etc.

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION C. C. R. D. PERSON REPORTING Mr. Henry Brownlee PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2/24/64 TO 2/28/64

STREET ADDRESS 511 W. Bolton CITY Savr COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/28/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1-Dist WARD, BEAT, ETC. Bars, Pool rooms, Street Corners, Barber Shops, etc.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham County Crusad For Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs Alma Middleton PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2/24-69 TO 2/28-69

STREET ADDRESS 458½ W. Broad St CITY Savah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/29-69

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES #1 WARD, BEAT, ETC Precient 1 A

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham Co Crusade For Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs Adline Bradshaw PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2-24-26 TO 2-27-1964

STREET ADDRESS 1408 Church St CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Ga DATE SUBMITTED: March 2, 1964

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES District 1 WARD, BEAT, ETC Precient 1-A

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

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ORGANIZATION C.C.R.D. PERSON REPORTING Rebecca F. Jenkins PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 3-3 TO 3-6-64

STREET ADDRESS 405 E Perry st CITY Savh 14th COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 3-6-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC 1-15

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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CITY Savannah

COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia

DATES 2-1-64 TO 3-6-64

Stastical Summary;

No. persons registered 1,596

No. persons applying 1,892

No. persons contacted 7,491

Total attendance at V.R. meetings 4,000

No. Volunteer Workers 400

No. Paid Workers 14

No. Working hours Avg. 4 hrs. per day
per week Avg. 24 hrs.

Description of Voter Registration Program:

Plan of Organization:

SEE ATTACH #1

Methods Used to Contact people to Register:

SEE ATTACH #2

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Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.)

SEE ATTACH #3

Plans for Dealing with Problems:

SEE ATTACH #4

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.)

SEE ATTACH #5

Sponsoring Organization CHATHAM COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS **Contact person** HOSEA L. WILLIAMS

ADRESS 458½ West Broad Street **PHONE** AD 6-5727 - AD 3-8127 or El 5-5924

Submitted by: _____

SEE ATTACH #6

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION C.C.R.D. PERSON REPORTING Rose Lee Clark PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 3-3 TO 3-6-64

STREET ADDRESS 426 Price St. CITY Savah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 3-6-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 4th WARD, BEAT, ETC

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING M. Mollette PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 2-28 TO 6-2

STREET ADDRESS 2305 Burroughs CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 3-6-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC Chatham Co. Courthouse

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION C. C. R. D. PERSON REPORTING W. Lester Hankerson PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 3/2/64 TO 3/6/64

STREET ADDRESS 512 W. 35th CITY Sav. COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 3/6/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1-Dist WARD, BEAT, ETC Bars, Pool rooms, Street Corners, Barber Shops, and alley ways.

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION C. C. R. D. PERSON REPORTING W. Henry Brownlee PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 3/2/64 TO 3/6/64

STREET ADDRESS 511 W. Bolton St. Sav. CITY COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 3/6/64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 1-Dist. WARD, BEAT, ETC Bars, Pool rooms, Street Corners, Barber Shops and alley ways.

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade For Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs Alberta Williams PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 3-2- TO 6-1964

STREET ADDRESS 137 Miller St CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 3-4-1964

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC _____

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

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ORGANIZATION C. C. R. D. PERSON REPORTING Rebecca F. Jenkins PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 3-3 TO 3-6-64

STREET ADDRESS 405 E Perry st CITY South 14th COUNTY Chatham STATE Chatham DATE SUBMITTED: 3-6-64

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC 1-15

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ORGANIZATION Chatham County Crusade for Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs Dora Burke PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 3-3-64 TO 3-6-64

STREET ADDRESS 2029 Eppinger St. CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 3-7-64

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ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade For Voters REPORTING Townsley Chapel A.M.E. Church PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1-19-29 TO 2-16-23-196

STREET ADDRESS 254 Eagle St. CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 3-8 1964

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ORGANIZATION Chatham Co. Crusade For Voters PERSON REPORTING Mrs Adline Bradshaw PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 3-2-4 TO 5-1964

STREET ADDRESS 1408 Church St. CITY Savannah COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 3-9 1964

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ORGANIZATION _____ PERSON REPORTING _____ PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM _____ TO _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ COUNTY _____ STATE _____ DATE SUBMITTED: _____

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

H. T. Frost

ORGANIZATION Church Working Committee PERSON REPORTING _____ PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM _____ TO _____

STREET ADDRESS 213½ W Park CITY Tarrant COUNTY Dallas STATE Georgia DATE SUBMITTED: 2/

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES _____ WARD, BEAT, ETC _____

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March 13, 1964

Mr. Hosea Williams
458½ West Broad Street
Savannah, Georgia

RE: VEP 3-26

Dear Hosea:

Just a reminder that we have received no response to our February 19 letter or your monthly report which was due on March 10. May we expect these soon?

I had also hoped we would hear from you further about the problem you seemed to be having with the Registrar's office. Would you include a status report on this matter in your response?

I am planning to attend the Citizenship Clinic in Savannah on April 4. If circumstances permit, I would like to arrive there on Friday and spend the day observing your program in operation. Let me hear from you on this.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

Rec'd 3/14/64

February 19, 1964

Mr. Hosea Williams
458½ West Broad Street
Savannah, Georgia

RE: VEP 3-26

Dear Mr. Williams:

Your voter registration campaign in Chatham county seems to be coming along a t a fairly even clip, as indicated by the report of your January activities.

It is our understanding that the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., was speaker at a rally supported by your organization during January. Rev. Young has indicated that perhaps his appearance might have served as a catalyst for the enthusiasm shown in your current drive.

We are disturbed that your report gave no information beyond the number of new registrants, and all sections of your report were labeled, "Same as December report." It seems inconceivable that nothing new really happened in your community in the course of a month. It would be helpful to us if your monthly narrative report would include information about the items included on the enclosed program outline.

I had looked forward to meeting you in both Waycross on February 1, and here in Atlanta on February 15, and regret you were unable to attend these meetings. However, I do look forward to seeing you in Savannah March 7 for the Georgia Voters League meeting.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:jo
Encl.
cc: The Rev. Andrew Young

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ATTACHMENT #1

DESCRIPTION OF VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM

THE CHATHAM COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS, VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM IS CENTERED AROUND A HEADQUARTER'S STAFF. THE HEADQUARTER'S STAFF IS MADE UP OF THE DIRECTOR, HOSEA L. WILLIAMS; SUPERVISOR AND SECRETARY, MRS. JUANITA T. WILLIAMS; TYPIST, MISS EULA HICKS; AND FILE CLERK, MISS LAVERNE GRAHAM.

THE HEADQUARTER'S CREW PLUS THE CHAIRMEN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES MAKE UP WMAT IS KNOWN AS "A STEERING COMMITTEE". THE CHAIRMEN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES ARE AS FOLLOWS: BUSINESS, MR. GEORGE SAWYER; ORGANIZATIONS, MRS. LEROY WILSON; SCHOOL AND YOUTH, MR. BENJAMIN VAN CLARKE; P.T.A.'S, MRS. VIRGINIA MACK; CHURCHES, REV. HENRY GRANT AND REV. R. RICHARDS; STREET CORNER, BARS, POOL ROOMS, ETC., MR. HENRY BROWNLEE AND MR. LESTER HANKERSON; COURTHOUSE, MRS. MARGARET MOLLETTE; TELEPHONE, MRS. ALBERTHA WILLIAMS; PUBLIC RELATIONS, MR. HOSEA L. WILLIAMS; AREA #1, MRS. JAMES MIDDLETON, SR., AND MRS. AILINE BRADSHAW; AREA #2, MRS. DORA BURKE; AREA #3, MRS. VIRGINIABAXTER; AREA #4, MRS. MABLE DAWSON; AREA #5, MRS. CHARLOTTE DAWSON; AREA #6, MRS. REBECCA JENKINS AND MRS. ROSA CLARKE; AREA #7, MRS. CORA FRAZIER.

HOSEA L. WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM, CLAIMS THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM IS LARGELY DUE TO THE ATMOSPHERE AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE OF OUR AREA. THIS IS LARGELY DUE TO THE TYPE AND DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LEAFLETS. THE EMPHASIS THAT WE HAVE PUT UPON WEARING BADGES AND THE VARIOUS TYPES OF VOTER REGISTRATION PROPAGANDA BUTTONS, THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND PICTURES AND THE RADIO PROGRAM, CLAIMS THE DIRECTOR. A 30 MINUTE RADIO PROGRAM EVERY SATURDAY MORNING AT 9:30 A.M. DEALS WITH THE MEAT AND BREAD, DOLLAR AND CENTS, AND THE FUTURE ASPECTS OF POLITICAL ACTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. THE PROGRAM ALSO IS USED TO PRESENT PERSONALITIES, INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE. THE DIRECTOR OF THE RADIO PROGRAM USES THE PROGRAM ALSO TO GIVE THANKS TO ALL WORTHWHILE CITIZENS ANDF EFFORTS. THE NEWSPAPER IS PUBLISHED EVERY TWO WEEKS AND IS USED TO STIMULATE, EXPLAIN AND ENCOURAGE GOOD POLITICAL ACTION. THE BUTTONS AND BADGES DISTRIBUTED DURING THE REGISTRATION DRIVE ARE GIVEN GREAT VALUE. AN ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO JUDGE THOSE WORTHY CITIZENS BY WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE WEARING A GOOD CITIZENSHIP BUTTON OR BADGE.

MANY LEAFLETS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN ALL AREAS OF OUR COUNTY AND OF EVERY DIFFERENT DESCRIPTION. THE LEAFLETS ALMOST TELL AT A GLANCE AN INDIVIDUAL STORY OF POLITICAL ACTION.

THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL BUSINESS OWNERS, MANAGERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THAT BUSINESS TO BE REGISTERED TO VOTE. A BUSINESS COMMITTEE ALSO ENDEAVORS TO REGISTER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILIES OF THE EMPLOYEES. THE ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SETTING UP SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEES IN ALL ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN OUR COUNTY. WE HAVE AN ESTABLISHED ORGANIZATIONAL REGISTER.

A SCHOOL AND YOUTH COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTERING ALL OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN BEYOND THE AGE OF 17½. THE YOUTH COMMITTEE IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGISTERING OF YOUTH IN THE COUNTY BETWEEN THE AGES OF 17½ AND 21. A PARADE WAS GIVEN BY THE YOUTH AND THE YOUTH HELD A MARCH FOR THE BALLOT NIGHT. THESE ARE THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS THAT ARE ATTRACTING THE ATTENTION OF YOUTH AND CAUSES THEM TO PARTICIPATE.

THE PTA COMMITTEE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SETTING UP SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEES IN ALL OF THE PARENT AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS. THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH THE URGING AND DOG-WATCHING OF THE PTA COMMITTEE OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION OF REGISTERING ALL OF THE PARENTS OF THE PTA ASSOCIATION AND OF REGISTERING ALL OF THE TEACHERS.

THE CHURCH WORK COMMITTEE IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SUB HEADINGS. THE FIRST SUB HEADING IS THE BAPTIST CHURCHES, HEADED BY A BAPTIST MINISTER AND THE OTHER NON-BAPTIST, HEADED BY A NON-BAPTIST. THESE MINISTERS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF COOPERATING WITH THE MINISTERS OF ALL CHURCHES AND GETTING THEM TO SET UP SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEES IN THEIR CHURCHES. EACH SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE A CHAIRMAN NAMED BY THE PASTOR OR OFFICIALSOF THE CHURCH. MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE SHOULD REPRESENT ONE PERSON FROMEACH AUXILIARY OF THE CHURCH, WHO IN TURN SEES TO IT THAT EVERY MEMBER OF HIS AUXILIARY IS REGISTERED.

THE STREET CORNER AND BAR COMMITTEE IS MANNED BY PERSONS OF THIS TYPE. INDIVIDUALS WHO FREQUENT AND KNOW ALL OF THE PERSONS WHO HANG AROUND BARS, POOL ROOMS, STREET CORNERS, AND SHINE HOUSES, ETC. THIS COMMITTEE HAS ITS OWN TRANSPORTATION AND WHENEVER THEY FIND A PERSON AND CAN CONVINCE THIS PERSON TO GO DOWN, THEY CARRY THEM STRAIGHT TO THE COURTHOUSE.

THE COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE IS MANNED BY ONE PERSON WHO STAYS WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE COURTHOUSE AT ALL TIMES, CONTACTING ALL PERSONS WHO COME INTO THE COURTHOUSE, FINDING OUT IF

THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE. IF THEY ARE NOT, SHE URGES THEM TO GO OVER TO THE WINDOW AND REGISTER. IF THEY ARE ~~NOT~~ REGISTERED, SHE TAKES THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR OUR FILES. THE COURTHOUSE WORKER IS ALSO ABLE TO KEEP A CORRECT TALLY ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS THAT ARE REGISTERED, BOTH BLACK AND WHITE. ANOTHER OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THIS PERSON IS TO CONSTANTLY REPORT TO THE HEADQUARTER'S OFFICE THE TREATMENT OF NEGROES BY THE REGISTRARS AND OTHER ENCROUCHMENTS OF NEGROE'S RIGHTS.

THE TELEPHONE COMMITTEE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TRYING TO CONTACT EVERY PERSON IN THE COUNTY AND JUST REMINDING THEM OF THEIR CIVIC DUTY. THIS COMMITTEE ALSO SERVES BLOCK WORKERS AND OTHER HELP FOR THE REGISTRATION PROGRAM.

AN AREA WORKER IS ASSIGNED TO A CERTAIN AREA OF THE COUNTY. THIS WORKER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BLOCK WORKERS OF THIS AREA. EVERY PERSON IN THIS AREA MUST BE CONTACTED, EITHER DAY OR NIGHT. UPON CONTACTING INDIVIDUALS AND DETERMINING WHETHER THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE, THEY ARE URGED TO GO DOWN OR ALLOW THE AREA WORKER TO CARRY THEM DOWN TO THE COURTHOUSE.

ATTACHMENT #2

METHODS USED TO CONTACT PEOPLE TO REGISTER

THE FOLLOWING METHODS ARE USED TO CONTACT PEOPLE TO REGISTER. PERSON TO PERSON CONTACT, LEAFLETS, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND ADS, RADIO PROGRAMS AND SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS, TELEPHONE, VISITATION OF BARS, STREET CORNERS, ETC., VISITATIONS TO CHURCHES, VISITATIONS TO P.T.A.'S, VISITATIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS, VISITATIONS TO BUSINESSES, STREET CORNER SPEECHES, SPEECHES IN BARS, BLOCK PARTIES AND MANY OTHER MEANS.

ATTACHMENT #3

DISCUSSIONS OF PROBLEMS FACED

THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS IN OUR VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGNS. ONE OF THE MAIN PROBLEMS IS FINANCE. NOT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE HAVE TO SPEND, BUT THE TECHNICALITIES AND RED-TAPE WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH TO SPEND IT. THERE ARE MANY TIMES, IF WE HAD MONEY ON HAND, WE WOULD TRY OUT MANY GIMMICKS THAT HAVE PAID OFF IN THE PAST, SOME HAVE FAILED, BUT USUALLY THE RESULTS ARE REWARDING. HAVING TO SUBMIT VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT OF ALL BILLS IS STRANGELY UNDESIRABLE IN ANY EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN. THE TIME IT TAKES TO KEEP RECORDS FOR VOURCHER-MAKING PURPOSES AND TO MAKE VOUCHERS IS UNNECESSARY PROVIDING THE GRANT HAD BEEN MADE TO THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND VEP HAD ALLOWED SCLC TO PASS THE GRANT ON TO THE CCCV MONTHLY. WE FEEL THAT UNWORTHY OBSTACLES HAVE THROWN IN OUR PATHS AND REGISTRATION IS RETARDED BY THE PROCEDURE NOW BEING USED IN HANDLING THE FUNDS.

ANOTHER PROBLEM WILL FACE WORK IN THIS REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN AND THAT IS LEADERSHIP. THERE ARE MANY LEADERS OR SO-CALLED LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE OFF-SET OF THE DRIVE BUT HAVE FAILED TO DO ANYTHING SINCE THAT TIME. MANY OF THE LEADERS THAT ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE OFF-SET, SEEM TO BE MORE INTERESTED IN PERSONAL PUBLICITY THAN ACCOMPLISHING A LARGE NUMBER OF NEW VOTERS. VOTER REGISTRATION HAPPENS TO BE AN UNPUBLICIZED THING, THEREFORE, THE HARD WORKERS HARDLY EVER GET THE PUBLIC CREDIT THEY DESERVE.

ANOTHER PROBLEM IS THE LARGE NUMBER OF NEGROES THAT ARE BEING REJECTED BY THE CLERKS IN THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE. THE REGISTRATION CLERKS ARE DENYING MANY NEGROES TO REGISTER DUE TO WHAT THEY CALL BEING UNABLE TO READ AND WRITE ENOUGH. THERE ARE SEVERAL NEGROES BEING REJECTED FOR MISPRONOUNCING ONE WORD. SOME HAVE BEEN REJECTED FOR WHAT THE REGISTRATION CLERKS CALL "READING TOO SLOWLY". SOME HAVE BEEN REJECTED FOR THEIR WRITING. MANY OTHER S HAVE BEEN REJECTED FOR REASONS LIKE - NOT BEING ABLE TO GIVE THE BIRTHDATE THAT COINSIDES WITH THEIR AGE. THIS IS SOMETIMES DUE TO NERVOUSNESS AND HOW UPSET THE NEGROES BECOME AS THE RESULTS OF THE ATTITUDE OF THE REGISTRATION CLERKS.

THE PROSPECTIVE REGISTRANTS ARE SUBJECTED TO A READING TEST THAT CONSTITUTES LARGE PARAGRAPHS TAKEN FROM THE STATE AND UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. THIS YEAR, NEW CARDS HAVE BEEN COMPILED OR YOU MIGHT SAY - NEW PARAGRAPHS FROM THE CONSTITUTIONS. THEY ARE TYPED ON SMALL WHITE CARDS, IN SMALL LIGHT TYPE. MANY OF THE OLDER PERSONS ARE UNABLE TO SEE THE LETTERS OR WORDS TOO WELL. HERETOFORE, THE REGISTRATION OFFICE HAVE USED PARAGRAPHS FROM THE CONSTITUTION ON LARGE CARDS AND THE WRITING WAS AT ABOUT TWELVE POINT BOLD TYPE. I AM SURE NEW CARDS WERE MADE UP THAT CONSTITUTE MUCH HARDER WORDS AND MUCH MORE READING IN ORDER TO CONFUSE OR PERMIT THE REJECTION OF MANY NEGROES. EVEN TO DATE, THE WHITE REGISTRANTS ARE NOT SUBJECTED TO THE SAME CARDS AS THE NEGROES. THIS WILL BE VERY HARD TO PROVE BUT THE COURTHOUSE WORKER HAS SAID UPON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, THE WHITES ARE GIVEN CARDS THAT ONLY HAS TWO OR THREE(AT THE MOST) LINES ON THEM WHILE THE NEGROES ARE GIVEN CARDS THAT HAVE FROM TEN TO FIFTEEN LINES ON THEM. MANY TIMES NEGROES ARE READING CARDS AND THE REGISTER'S OR RATHER THE REGISTRATION CLERKS WILL TAKE THIS CARD AWAY AND GIVE THEM ANOTHER CARD. MANY PEOPLE HAVE SAID THAT THE FIRST CARD I WAS READING WAS MUCH EASIER TO READ THAN THE SECOND CARD.

ATTACHMENT #4

PLANS FOR DEALING WITH PROBLEMS

THE PLAN HAS BEEN DEVISED TO DEAL WITH THE LEADERSHIP PROBLEM BY HIGHLY PUBLICIZING AND GIVENG CREDIT TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE.

IN DEALING WITH THE OBSTACLES AT THE REGISTRATION OFFICE, A LETTER HAS BEEN PREPARED IN DETAIL AND SENT TO ATTORNEY BURKE MARSHALL, HEAD OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISI ON OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. THIS LETTER EXPLAINS IN DETAIL, THE UNFAIR TREATMENT NEGROES RECEIVE FROM THE REGISTRATION CLERKS. IT TELLS SPECIFIC INCIDENTS, TIME, DATES, AND INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN MISTREATED.

IN DEALING WITH THE OBSTACLES OF THE REGISTRATION OFFICE, A CONFERENCE HAS ALSO BEEN CALLED, BUT CONTINUOUSLY POSTPONED BY THE REGISTRARS. IT IS FELT BY SOME OF THE LEADERS IN THE REGISTRATION DRIVE THAT A CONFERENCE WITH THE REGISTRARS MIGHT DO SOME GOOD. MANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE REGISTRATION DRIVE FEEL THAT THERE IS NO VALUE IN SITTING DOWN TALKING WITH THE REGISTRATION CLERKS OR REGISTRARS BECAUSE ALL OF THEM ARE FULLY AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE COURTHOUSE AT THIS TIME. THIS OBSTACLE IS NOT A NEW ONE. IT IS ONE THAT THE NEGROES OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO FOR AT LEAST FOUR OR MORE YEARS. THE COMPLAINT HAS BEEN MADE TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT BEFORE AND NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE.

ANOTHER PLAN OF ACTION FOR DEALING WITH THE OBSTACLES AT THE REGISTRATION OFFICE IS TO BRING SUIT AGAINST THE REGISTRARS. A CONFERENCE HAS BEEN HELD WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND HE HAS SAID THAT HE WILL PRIVATELY REPRESENT ANY PERSON THAT WE BRING DOWN THAT CAN READ AND WRITE AND WHO HAS BEEN REJECTED BY THE REGISTRARS ON THE BASIS OF READING AND WRITING. WE HAVE TWO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM BEACH HIGH SCHOOL AND ONE MARRIED WOMAN THAT CAN READ ALMOST ON ANY COLLEGE LEVEL. THESE PERSONS SAID THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO BE CLIENTS, THEREFORE WE ARE TAKING THEM DOWN TO THIS LAWYER IN ORDER THAT HE MAY BE ABLE TO FILE SUIT ON THEIR BEHALF AND GET THEM AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE ATTORNEY SAID THAT THE GREATEST EFEECT OF A SUIT OF THIS SORT WOULD BE PUBLIC SENTIMENT. THE CASE PROBABLY WOULD BRING ATTENTION TO THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE AND THE RESULTS WOULD BE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED.

THE FINAL PLAN FOR DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS AND OBSTACLES OF THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE IS A NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION PROGRAM. IF ALL OF THE OTHER ATTEMPTS FAIL, WE WILL CALL FOR DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE CHATHAM COUNTY'S REGISTRATION OFFICE. THESE DEMONSTRATIONS WILL INCLUDE STAND-INS, PRAYER-INS, MARCH-INS, FREEDOM SINGING AND MARCHING AROUND THE COURTHOUSE. GOING BACK TO THE PLAN FOR DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF LEADERSHIP, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK ON THAT PROBLEM TO SOME DEGREE BY BRINGING IN CELEBRITIES, NATIONAL FIGURES, AND OUTSIDE SPEAKERS FOR INSTANCE, WHEN DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. VISITED OUR CITY ON JANUARY 16, 1964 AND DELIVERED AN ADDRESS, MANY OF THE LEADERS WHO HAD SIGNED UP TO WORK IN THE REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN, BUT HAD DONE NOTHING, WERE MORE THAN HAPPY TO MEET WITH DR. KING. THIS DID A LITTLE GOOD, BECAUSE HE GOT THEM TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO SOME DEGREE. THIS SAME THING HAS HAPPENED WITH OTHER OUT OF TOWN GUESTS WE HAVE HAD TO COME INTO THE CITY AND SPEAK DURING THE REGISTRATION DRIVE. MANY LEADERS GLOAT IN SITTING ON THE ROSTRUM WITH CERTAIN NATIONAL OR OUT OF TOWN FIGURES, THEREFORE, THEY COMMIT THEMSELVES TO DO SOMETHING IN THE DRIVE. THIS HAS NOT HELPED GREATLY, BUT IT HAS GIVEN ACCEPTABLE RESULTS.

ATTACHMENT # 5

NEW INSIGHTS IN VOTER REGISTRATION

THE STREET CORNER, BAR, POOL ROOM, ETC. COMMITTEE IS ONE OF THE NEW INSIGHTS IN OUR VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGNS. IT HAS BEENONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE COMMITTEES OPERATING IN THE PRESENT DRIVE.

THE USE OF BUTTONS AND BADGES WITH A GIVEN DEGREE OF PRESTIGE, HAS ALSO MOTIVATED PEOPLE TO DESIRE WEARING THEM.

THE RADIO PROGRAM HAS ALSO ENABLED THE REGISTRATION DRIVE TO GAIN MUCH PUBLIC SENTIMENT BY RECOGNIZING INDIVIDUALS AND PRAISING THEM PUBLICLY FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

THE THEME OF OUR 1964 DRIVE "FREE IN 64 WITH 6,000 MORE" HAS GIVEN TASTE AND CLASS TO MANY PROGRAMS. THE THEME HAS BEEN PICKED UP BY MANY YOUTH GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

THE PROPER USE OF TRANSPORTATION HAS GIVEN GREAT RESULTS. THE STREET CORNER-BAR COMMITTEE FOUND OUT, IF AN AUTOMOBILE WAS ALWAYS AT HAND, THEIR RESULTS COULD BE INCREASED FROM FIFTEEN PER WEEK TO 136 PER WEEK. IT WAS REPORTED MANY TIMES WHEN TRANSPORTATION WAS CALLED FOR A PROBPECTIVE REGISTRANT GOT HIMSELF ANOTHER DRINK, OR A WOMAN HAD GONE BY AND THE MAN WENT CHASING AFTER HER, OR IF THE WOMAN GOT A CALL AND SOME MAN CAME BY TO PICK HER UP, OR A FIGHT STARTED, OR A POLICE RAID IS MADE, THEREFORE, THE STREET CORNER AND BAR COMMITTEE WAS ABOUT ONE-NINTH EFFECTIVE AS IT HAS BEEN SINCE THIS COMMITTEE HAS BEEN GIVEN PERMANENT AND CONSTANT TRANSPORTATION.

THE BLOCK WORKERS HAVE PROVED THAT CONSTANT TRANSPORTATION ENABLED THEM TO REGISTER MANY MORE PEOPLE. THE OLD IDEA OF SURVEYING AND GOING BACK LATER TO REGISTER INDIVIDUALS HAS PROVEN TO BE TABOO. IF THE BLOCK WORKERS HAVE AUTOMOBILES OR TRANSPORTATION AT HAND WHENEVER THEY CONVINCE A PERSON TO BECOME A GOOD CITIZEN, THIS PERSON IS PUT INTO AN AUTOMOBILE AND CARRIED TO REGISTER DIRECTLY.

ATTACHMENT #6

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PROGRESS
OF VOTER REGISTRATION

THE REGISTRATION OF NEW REGISTERED VOTERS CAN EASILY BE INCREASED OR THE OBSTACLES IN REGISTERING NEW REGISTRANTS CAN GREATLY BE DECREASED BY FIRST PREPARING THESE COMMUNITIES PSYCHOLOGICALLY FOR A MASS VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE. IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT UNLESS THE PUBLIC IS PREPARED PSYCHOLOGICALLY FOR A MASS REGISTRATION DRIVE, IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER TO HAVE THE CONSTANT REGISTRATION DRIVE WHICH WOULD NOT BE CLASSIFIED AS "MASSED".

GIMMICKS HAVE BEEN USED TO ENLIGHTEN THE YOUTH AND BRING ABOUT AN ATTITUDE OF CONCERN AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN ORDER TO REALLY ENHANCE THE ENERGIES AND THINKING POWER OF THE YOUNG JPEOPLE AND THE PRESENT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE.

ON SATURDAY THE 29TH OF FEBRUARY, THE YOUTH HAD A FREEDOM PARADE. THERE WERE THREE FLOATS IN THE PARADE, SEVERAL AUTOMOBILES, HUNDREDS OF YOUTH MARCHING AND SINGING FREEDOM SONGS. IT WAS WIDELY PUBLICIZED THAT THIS WAS NOT A DIRECT ACTION PROTEST AGAINST SEGREGATION BUT A MEANS TO BRING ABOUT A CONCERN ON THE PART OF THE COMMUNITY OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

THE PARADE COST APPROXIMATELY $50, BUT IT WAS VERY WELL WORTH IT. THE BOY SCOUTS, THE GIRL SCOUTS, HIGH SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS AND MANY OTHER YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS GLADLY PARTICIPATED IN THE FREEDOM PARADE.

A YOUTH MARCH, PATTERNED AFTER THE MARCH OF DIMES ANNUAL FUND RAISING GIMMICK, WAS STAGED. THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WOULD LEAVE ALL LIGHTS OUTSIDE BURNING BETWEEN SEVEN AND NINE O'CLOCK IN ORDER STO GIVE THE YOUTH PROTECTION. THIS PROGRAM WAS PROJECTED IN ORDER TO PREPARE THE YOUTH AS WELL AS THE ADULTS WHO WERE WILLING TO LEAVE THEIR LIGHTS ON PSYCHOLOGICALLY FOR A VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM.

ANOTHER GIMMICK THAT HAS BEEN EFFECTIVELY USED IS THE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS OF OUTSIDE NATIONAL FIGURES. USUALLY THESE ARE PERSONS BROUGHT IN AND HOUSED IN INTEGRATED FACILITIES AND DINNERS, LUNCHES, ETC. ARE GIVEN BETWEEN LEADERS AND THE OUTSIDE OR NATIONAL FIGURES IN THE FACILITIES OF INTEGRATED HOTELS, MOTELS, ETC. IT HAS BEEN WISE TO ALWAYS ALLOW SOME ORGANIZATION TO ACT AS HOSTS TO THSE OUTSIDE GUESTS. USING THE OUTSIDE GUESTS WILL GET THE ORGANIZATIONS OR AT LEAST OFFICIALS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO REGISTER INDIVIDUALS OR TO AT LEAST REGISTER ALL MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES AND MEMBERS OF THEIR ORGANIZATIONS.

ANOTHER GIMMICK HAS BEEN TO MAKE USE OF TELEVISION. THE TELEVISION NEWS RELEASE HAS CARRIED MUCH ABOUT THE PRESENT VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN. PICTURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN OF BAR SOLICITATIONS FOR NEW REGISTRANTS. PICTURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN OF CROWDS IN THE COURTHOUSE CORRIDORS, PICTURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN OF THE BLOCK WORKERS AND MANY PEOPLE HAVE SHOWN THE DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN SINCE THEY HAVE SEEN THEIR ACQUAINTANCES AND FRIENDS' IN THE TELEVISION NEWS.

AN AWARD GIMMICK HAS GIVEN GREAT RESULTS. EACH WEEK ALL OF THE PERSONS THAT REGISTERE GET THEIR NAMES IN A POT. ON SUNDAY THERE IS A DRAWING AND THE INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME IS DRAWN, RECEIVES $25 CASH PRIZE.

NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY HAS ALSO BEEN AN EFFECTIVE GIMMICK. PERSONS REGISTERING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS IN ONE WEEK HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET THEIR PICTURE TAKEN ANDPLACED IN THE NEWSPAPER IN A LARGE ARTICLE IS WRITTEN ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL AMERICAN AND HOW EFFECTIVELY THEY ARE IN POLITICAL ACTION. A PUBLICITY GIMMICK WAS USED AND RESULTED IN THE REGISTRATION OF APPROXIMATELY 400 NEW VOTERS. THE GIMMICK WAS A BET BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR OF THE REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN AND THE YOUTH GROUP. IF THEY COULD REGISTER 500 INDIVIDUALS IN 6 DAYS, THEY WERE GIVEN THE PRIVILEGE OF FLOGGING THE DIRECTOR OF THE CAMPAIGN IN PUBLIC, IF THEY DID NOT REGISTER THE 500 IN 6 DAYS, THE DIRECTOR WOULD FLOG SEVEN BOYS AND TEN GIRLS IN PUBLIC. THE DIRECTOR WON. THE YOUTH REGISTERED 432.

ATTACHMENT #6 CONTINUED

A HIGH POWERED PROPAGANDA PROGRAM WAS CARRIED OUT IN ORDER TO PSYCHOLOGICALLY READY THE COMMUNITY FOR A MASS REGISTRATION DRIVE. THE PROPAGANDA PROGRAM HAD TO DO WITH MANY PRESENT POLITICAL OFFICIALS THAT WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING ABOUT MUCH PRESSURE ON THE NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION PROGRAM FOR NEGROES IN CHATHAM COUNTY LAST SUMMER. IT HAD BEEN HIGHLY PUBLICIZED THAT THESE OFFICIALS WERE GUILTY FOR THE SUFFERING OF THOUSANDS OF NEGROES. THE ONLY WAY THESE INDIVIDUALS COULD BE CONVERTED OR CRUCIFIED WAS THROUGH VOTING. THIS GIMMICK WAS HIGHLY ACCEPTABLE BY THE NEGRO COMMUNITY.

AN EMBLEM FOR WINDOWS AND DOORS HAS BEEN GIVEN TO EVERY FAMILY THAT HAD 100% OF THEIR ELIGIBLE REGISTERED VOTERS, REGISTERED. MANY FAMILIES HAVE WORKED ON THE ONE OR TWO IN THE FAMILY UNREGISTERED TO GET THEM REGISTERED IN ORDER THAT THEY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THIS EMBLEM ANDPLACE IT ON THEIR CAR AND THEIR DOOR OR WINDOW IN THEIR HOMES.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO PAID WORKERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NUMBEROF INDIVIDUALS THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTERING. THIS HAS INSPIRED MANY WORKERS TO WORK HARDER IN ORDER TO REGISTER MANY NEW VOTERS.

DUE TO THE RELIGIOUS PATRIOTISM OF MOST NEGROES, IT HAS BEEN PROVEN VERY SUCCESSFUL TO CONSTANTLY REMIND THE NEGRO COMMUNITY OF THEIR CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY WHEN IT COMES TO GOOD CITIZENSHIP. A SLOGAN WAS HIGHLY PUBLICIZED, "YOU ARE YOUR BROTHER'S KEEPER". MANY SIGNS WERE MADE AND PLACED IN BUSINESSES, HOMES, AND ALL PUBLIC PLACES THAT WOULD ALLOW THE ATTACHMENT OF SIGNS TO WALLS, POSTS OR DOORS.

March 17, 1964

Mr. Hosea Williams
458½ West Broad Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Hosea:

If "bullying" project directors for reports on voter registration activities will always yield the quality you recently submitted, then I will immediately adppt this as my modus operandi. Seriously, we have received few reports which are as comprehensive as the one which arrived on Saturday. I have read it several times and each time I am more appreciatève of your efforts.

I am returning some expense reports which, I am sure, were not intended for our files.

I am still looking forward to my visit to Savannah in April.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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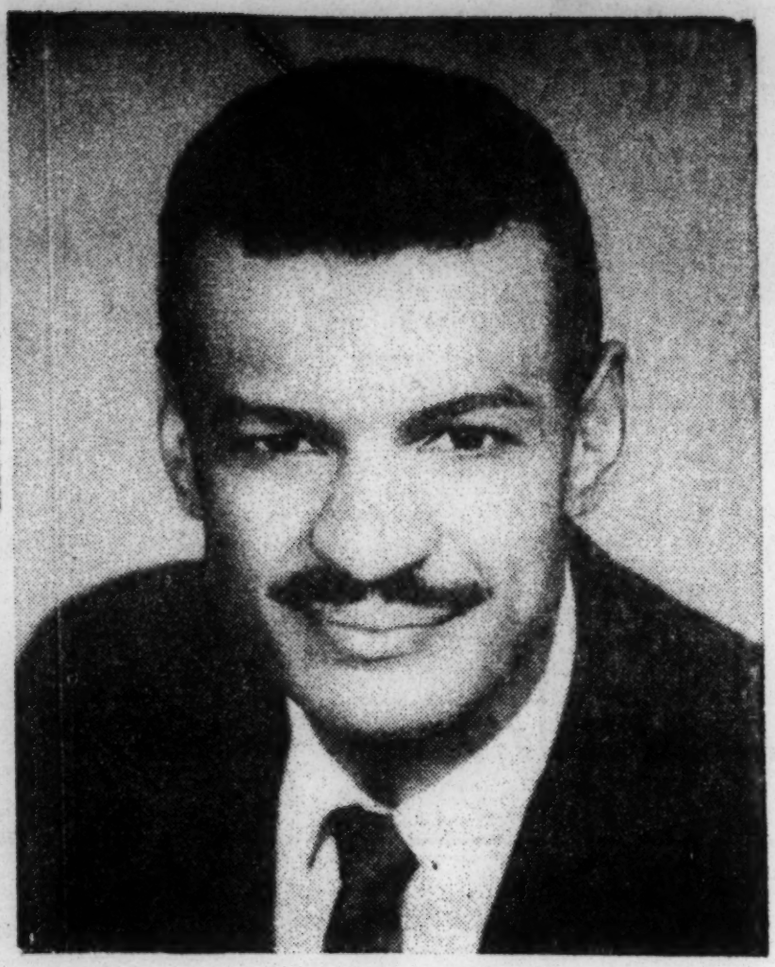

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Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

March 19, 1964

Mr. Hosea Williams
458½ West Broad Street
Savannah, Georgia

RE: VEP 3-26

Dear Hosea:

Thank you for the very informative report regarding the Chatham County registration effort which arrived in our office on March 14. I think that you and your co-workers are to be commended for the successful efforts in getting persons registered to vote in your county.

In reviewing the problems faced as set out in your attachment No. 3, I note that you feel that your efforts are being handicapped because of the fact that you are required to submit vouchers in support of all bills. We know of no situation which would justify any departure from the well established business procedure of requiring vouchers in support of the payment of bills, and we therefore must insist that this procedure be followed with every project using VEP funds.

With reference to the problem of alleged discrimination at the registrar's office, I must admit that we are impressed over the willingness of the county attorney to privately represent any person who feels that he has been discriminated against. I think I should caution you that unless you have every reason to believe that the county attorney will faithfully represent any such person and will vigorously pursue any litigation which he starts, then it would be much better that he not get into the picture at all. My reason for saying this is that an attorney for a party has a great deal of control over the development of any litigation, and the parties are bound by any decree.

I certainly hope that you will not involve the registration program in demonstrations and very frankly, where you are getting as many people registered each month as you are, it would appear to me that you might do damage to the successful phase of your program by engaging in demonstrations. Demonstrations have a way of getting out of hand, and I feel compelled to caution you that unfavorable publicity growing out of demonstrations could force us to again suspend financial support of your registration efforts.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

cc: The Rev. Andrew Young

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Easter Boycott-Selective Buying Campaign

The Equal Employment Committee of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters lanuched a selective buying campaign for Easter. "They Wont Hire-So We Wont Buy" is the slogan for the Easter Selective Buying Campaign. The committee, headed by young Jimmy Wells, is asking all Ne-

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Hosea L. Williams, president of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters, said "The Crusade for Voters has registered 3,300 New Negroes during the present registration drive. We are assured, now, of reaching

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NEGRO REGISTER IN DROVES

LEADING VOTE GETTER OUT

Mrs. Rosa Clarke, mother of the famed youth leader of the Crusader's Freedom Now Movement, Benjamin Van Clarke, was stricken last week with a heart ailment while on duty. Mrs. Clarke is co-chairman, along with Mrs. Rebecca Jenkins, of one of the Crusade for Voters most productive areas. These two women have registered at least 75 New Voters per week for the last

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Church group raps mixed marriage bar

ST. LOUIS — The archdiocesan council of Catholic men last week urged the repeal of Missouri's prohibition of intermarriage between races.

The council said that the anti-miscegenation law was opposed by the divine will and by natural law and probably would be held unconstitutional if tested.

KASPER TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT

LOUISVILLE, KY. An ex-convict was nominated here last week by the National States Rights Party as its presidential candidate.

The racist group picked John Kasper, a former New Yorker now living in Nashville, Tenn.

INTERRACIAL GROUP AIDS REGISTRATION

Two faculty members and seven undergraduate and graduate students of Normal Illinois University arrived in Savannah, Georgia Sunday night to participate in the Chatham County Crusade for Voters—Voter Registration Campaign for a week. The Rev. Kenneth Carder, Methodist Minister of the University is in charge of the group. The group of Northern students are being sponsored by the Wesley Foundation of the Methodist Student's Center, located at Normal Illinois University. Dr. Carder is being accompanied by one other faculty member, Dr. Joseph Subodole. Dr. Subodole is an associate professor in the Language Department. He is a Russian Language Instructor.

Mr. Kin Plate, a veteran of the Peace Corps who is studying in the graduate school of Northern Illinois University said "This is exactly what we were doing in Africa." Another member of the group is from India, Mr. Romesh Chandler. Mr. Chandler is a national science major from India. Undergraduate students of the team include: Miss Kip McClure, Miss Judy Don, Mr. Jim Morrell, Mr. LeRoy Alexander, and Mr. Steve Kosloff.

Northern Illinois University is located in the DeKalb, Illinois. The Wesley Foundation has been instrumental in sending many groups from all over the country to the southland in order that they may become better informed as to the southern problem.

Sidney Poitier To Appear On 'Oscarcast'

Sidney Poitier has been added to the growing list of stars who will appear on the 36th Annual Awards Presentation of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, George Sidney, producer of the Show, announced recently.

He joins a cast which to date includes Ed Begley, Sammy Davis, Jr., Patty Duke, Rock Hudson, Jack Lemmon, Gregory Peck, Donna Reed, Debbie Reynolds, and Edward G. Robinson. All will appear in person as presenters except Lemmon and Davis. Lem-

All-White Ark. Church Admits Negro Members

PINE BLUFF, ARK. -- (ANP) -- Declaring that the church cannot duck the race issue, but must face up to it, a local pastor announced last week that his congregation would start accepting members without regard to race.

He is the Rev. Edward W. Harris of the First Methodist church, who said he was well aware that many mengers did not agree with the decision, but added that he was determined to carry out the official policy of Methodism.

- EDITORIAL -

Everybody Wants To Get Into The Act

We've done a little paraphrasing on Comedian Jimmy Durante's expression, "Everybody wants to get into de act." Durante uses it to tease his imitators, or those who would steal his thunder. We are using it to cite the people who are just now jumping on the registration bandwagon.

Not since Pre-Civil War days, has the Negro had as much going for him as he has now. As Senator Constance Motley said, the legislation has been passed, it's the implementation that is necessary. So, across beautiful America, organizations are exerting concerted efforts to insure the Negro equality, justice, and fair play, therefore no harm is done when everyone gets in the act —the harm comes when the entrance is ill timed.

In the closing hours of 1963, the Crusade for Voters made overtures to all Negro organizations to join in a massive voter registration campaign to be launched in early 1964. To avoid any tinge of it being a Crusaders' Campaign, the name Chatham County Registration Drive was given the campaign, and people representing all walks of life volunteered for the steering committee. The goal was set at 6,000, and the workers have been diligent, unrelenting, and untiring in their efforts. They have been rewarded for the goal is about to be reached.

Now, with six weeks left before the books close, an organization launches a separate drive. There is nothing wrong with another drive, even the whites are stressing registration, except that the combined talents would more rapidly increase the registration rolls than two separate drives. Two concurrent campaigns are not necessary and definitely indicate a lack of community solidarity.

We feel all the foes of integration and equality would sense more sincerity and determination in the efforts of fighters for freedom if they, the freedom fighters, would unite. There is enough for each organization to do, and each should engage in separate combat, but we feel poor wisdom is shown when attacks are made in the same areas at different times. Imagine what a flop the March on Washington would have been had not all the forces united. What good would such a march have done if each organization staged its march at a different time during the year.

No organization is an island. It will take the combined efforts of all the organizations to get the Negro total freedom, this we know, therefore we only hope when another invitation is extended clubs, organizations, fraternities, sororities, etc. of this city to unite for a common cause, one will not hold out and three months later begin its own campaign.

NEGATIVE REFLECTIONS

It is lamentable that a few young men and women of this community are being permitted to cast negative reflections on it. Hundreds of youngsters are in school daily, have found or created jobs for themselves, keep decent hours, and conduct themselves with undeniably good taste. But a few hoodlums in our city are not using their resources to their best advantage, their conduct is widely publicized and the impression is given that they, the hoodlums, represent Young Savannah Negroes. Fortunately, they do not!

Other cities have successfully met the problems of juvenile delinquency. Jacksonville, Florida, for example, has a special court in which the delinquents are judged by their peers. The judge of the court admits that the fines and punishments meted out by the peer group, is often stiffer than he would decree.

Thousands of miles from Savannah and Jacksonville, is Helena, Montana. In this city which noted a sharp increase in its delinquents, Judge Lester H. Loble of the First Judicial District worked for and got an open-court law passed in the Montana Legislature. Now in an 18-month period following the adoption of the law, felony cases have dropped 49 perecnt, and traffic cases 75 percent.

Judge Loble got strong support from two boys in Billings, Montana. They got up a petition signed by 400 youngsters who favored the bill because they were taking the blame for hoodlums.

We have some highly respected youth groups in our city that could exert pressure on the powers that be to see that the juveniles pay for their violence. Many of these juvenile offenders are disadvantaged, they have been kicked about and humiliated by their families and society, but the one thing they aren't is stupid! The same talents and energy they use for petty larceny, truancy, and traffic offenses, can be used for self improvement and community betterment. If these young offenders know stiff punishments await their violations, they'll gladly turn their time to participating and helping in talent shows instead of disrupting them. These same young men and women who are bringing shame on the community and creating an atmosphere of fear within the community, can redirect their abilties so that school vandalism would be nil, and if anyone attempted to destroy Board of Education property, they would be stopped because the converts would not want to be deprived of their learning tools, and above all, they would have too much school and community pride to have such a blight against them.

Today, there are too many good new directions in which young men and women can channel their talents, and we hope someone will spark a movement that will help them see their potential and stop them from resorting to practices as petty as chicken thievery and as old as time.

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EASTER BOYCOTT

groes and Whites of Chatham County to stop buying segregation, NOW. Mr. Wells conducted the survey of clothing and other stores in Chatham County last week. He requested the number of Negroes in each store that was employed in clerical or sales positions. Their names, addresses and phone numbers were also requested. Each owner or manager was also asked whether or not he had any plans for hiring any Negroes in jobs (other than menial jobs) in the very near future.

After the survey was completed, a leaflet was published stating "We Are Not Shopping At These Stores for Easter." The list contained three groups of stores; Broughton Street, Crossroad Shopping Center, Westside Shopping Center and Department Stores. The Broughton Street Stores are: Globes Shoe Store, Mangels, Tom McAns, Al Chaskin, Teens and Juniors, Woolworth, Fines, Lords, Butler Shoe Store, Harris the Hub, Smart and Thrifty, Karpfs' Women's Clothing, Bonds, Belk Griffeth Stores, Schwobilt, Morris Levys, and Glendale Shop. The Crossroad Remler's Corner Shopping Centers had nine stores that Crusaders are not shopping in for Easter. These stores are: W. T. Grant, Jafris, King and Prince, United 5 & 10¢ Store, Harris the Hub, Woolworth, Laurettes, Adler's and Belk Griffeth and Diana Shop. The Westside Shopping Center Stores are: Hogans, Burton's Shoe Store, Harris the Hub, Butler's Shoe Store, Dianne Shop, Woolworth, and H. L. Green. There are two Department Stores also that have refused to hire Negroes in clerical and sales positions. These two stores are Webster's Shopping Center and K-Mart Shopping Center.

The move on the part of the CCCV has been listed as a Selective Buying Campaign, but is really the beginning of the next major project. The Crusader's are now involved in a Mass Voter Registration Campaign. The Mass Reigstration Campaign will end May 5. At this time the CCCV will have a kick-off drive for EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AMERICANS. This Equal Employment Opportunities Drive will include stores, banks, loan companies, insurance companies, drink companies, bread companies and all other establishments that have denied Negroes equal employment opportunities in the past.

Mr. Benjamin F. Lewis

On Wednesday, March 25, Evans and Tattnall Counties will sponsor their annual Career Day at the Evans County High School in Claxton, Georgia. The activities of the day will begin at 9:30 a.m., with an assembly program in the school's auditorium. The main speaker for the occasion will be Mr. Benjamin F. Lewis, Postal Supervisor of the Savannah Post Office. Mr. Lewis will speak from the theme of the day: "Choosing A Career In A Changing World." Later in the day, he will serve as a consultant in the area of Civil Service employment. Among other persons appearing on the program will be Mrs. Josie B. Sessoms, Curriculum Director for Evans and Tattnall Counties; Mr. R. E. Kicklighter, Superintendent of Schools, Tattnall County and Mr. George Durrence, Superintendent of Schools, Evans County.

VOTER GETTER

nine weeks.

Since the first of January, Mrs. Clarke has been a full time registration worker for the CCCV. She was the first person to join the Crusade for Voter's Registration Campaign and had enough influence and know how to make mass registration a reality on the East Side of Savannah. Mrs. Clarke was the mouth-piece or solicitor of the team and Mrs. Jenkins was more or less the transportation and trouble shooter. Mrs. Clarke's hours began at 9:00 A.M. every morning and she continued to solicit new voters until about 4:30 in the afternoon. This was a constant effort on the part of Mrs. Clarke from Monday through Friday.

The CCCV felt sure to reach the 6,000 mark had the team of Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Jenkins continued to be successful. Hosea L. Williams, president of the CCCV expressed great sorrow and regret that the mother of his assistant, young Benjamin Van Clarke, had been hospitalized with an ailment. Williams said "I have been in registration for over ten years but Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Jenkins made the greatest team I have ever witnessed. I even tried to get them to split up and teach others how the job should be done because of their great success. I pray that someday the Clarke-Jenkins team will again roam the streets, alleys and lanes of Savannah, Georgia to register the un-registered so that we all may be free someday."

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the 6,000 mark. We started off this campaign with a slogan, Free in '64 with 6,000 more. The entire Executive Board of the CCCV is very gratified for the support that the registration campaign has received from the masses of Negroes. The CCCV has the experience, personnel, and enthusiasm that is necessary to operate a successful mass registration campaign, but the Negroes of Chatham County, Georgia just seem to be ready to shoulder their political responsibilities. The success of this registration campaign has largely been due to *readying* the community from a psychological standpoint before the campaign got started. The Voice of The Crusader, our Saturday morning radio program is more responsible for the attitude of the community. The Crusader, our biweekly newspaper runs a close second to the radio program in *readying* the community from a psychological standpoint. Our present registration campaign had little chance of being a failure. Our personnel staff is three times the size it was during our last registration campaign and the experience gained in 1963 as in previous years gives the CCCV Registration Staff the necessary experience to avoid many of the pit-falls that caused other organizations to fail in a Mass Voter's Registration Campaign.

The Youth Program, headed by young Benjamin Van Clarke was responsible for registering 420 New Voters within a period of 6 days. The youth set a goal of 500 and failed only 80 short. Clarke and other youth had committeed themselves to a bet with me that they would register 500 New Voters within a period of 6 days or allow themselves to be flogged in public. The other side of the bet was, if the youth registered 500 voters in 6 days, I would have to submit myself to a flogging. The youth lost the bet, but great progress in our registration campaign was made as the result of the youth attempting to register 500 New Registrants.

Our Street Corner, Bar and Pool Room Committee co-chaired by Mr. Lester Hankerson and Mr. Henry Brownlee has been responsible up to this point of registering 897 New Voters. These two young crusaders, have worked within the realms of the most illiterate and lowest economic level within the Negro community. Yet, this committee has been the most successful in actual taking the Negroes to the registration office and getting their names on the books.

Mrs. Rebecca Jenkins and Mrs. Rosa Clarke, who co-chair the 8th District Area are running a close second to the Street and Bar Corner Committee. These area chairmen are responsible to date for registering 633 New Negro Voters. The real value in the area chairmanship work of Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Clark comes from the propaganda, public relations and goodwill registration work being done by the individuals they (themselves) registered. Many of the New Registered voters return to their block and see to it that other non-registered voters in their blocks get in touch with Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Clarke and get themselves carried down to the registration office.

It is the hopes of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters that every eligible citizen, both Negro and White, in our county will register before the May 5th deadline. The CCCV is desirous of every citizen understanding that it is not our desire that Chatham County becomes a county ruled by black people but a county where a man's or woman's station in life will not be determined by the color of their skin."

The CCCV registration staff is comprised of 418 workers. Eleven of these workers are full time registration workers. They are involved in registering new registered voters from 9:00 A.M. every day until 5:00 P.M. The remainder are volunteer workers that contribute anywhere from 1 hour to 20 hours per week of their time and services FREE. The Crusade for Voters is still urging every citizen in Chatham County to join in its present Registration Campaign. Any person interested should call ADams 3-8127 or ADams 6-5727 or drop by the Registration Campaign Headquarters at 458½ West Broad Street, Room 208.

RADICAL CHANGE SAYS BALDWIN

MOSCOW-- Abelief that only "the most radical and far reaching changes in American society" can improve the Negro's lot was contained in 1200 word article appearing in the government newspaper Izvestia here last week. The article was written by James Baldwin, noted Negro novelist.

Noting that "the majority of white Americans simply do not want to bring these changes into

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Representative Bruce Alger of Texas remarks: "In a sentence I would like to say: Yes, spending can be cut if Congress will assume its constitutional responsibility to control the spending of the peoples' money instead of allowing the social planners . . . to take over powers not authorized in the Constitution."

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Capacity Crowd Hears Dr. King

LOS ANGELES -- Thousands of people in the greater Los Angeles are heard reviewed "Strength To Love," Dr. Martin Luther King's new book donating $2,343 to further the cause of civil rights in the South, reported Rev. A. A. Peters, pastor of Victory Baptist Church and President of the Western Christian Leadership Conference.

Miss Carol Hoover of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Atlanta, Ga., appeared in various sections of the city last week in review of Dr. King's new book.

Rev. Peters said she received overwhelming receptions at Zion Hill Baptist Church, U. C. L. A., Pasadena City College and before the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

Dr. King told a packed Zion Hill Baptist Church last Monday night efforts at repealing the Rumford Housing Bill would set back integration efforts in California. He urged a cheering throng to get out and become registered to vote to help defeat efforts to gag civil rights movements in this state.

Rev. Peters indicated gratitude to the hundreds of people, organizations, businesses and institutions in support of the great struggle for civil rights in this area as well as the South.

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Many In Alabama Are Ashamed Of Governor Wallace's Activities

New York, -- More than a million citizens of Alabama --both white and Negro—are ashamed of Gov. George Wallace and believe that he is hurting the state and the nation, a noted Alabama author said this week.

Writing in the current issue of Look Magazine, William Bradford Huie declared that Wallace's racial policies have indirectly led to violence in the South, such as the bombing of a Birmingham church last year that killed four young Negro girls.

Wallace, Huie said, is undoubtedly the political idol of the murderer who dynamited the Birmingham church, although Wallace himself does not advocate violence.

"The Governor and the murderer would agree on what needs protecting" in the Southern way of life, Huie wrote. "They disagree only on how to protect it . . . Their tactics are different."

The murderer, Huie stated, is "an extremist among extremists," is probably a Baptist "believes he did right", and probably has worked as a miner judging from the skill with which he planted the 16 sticks of dynamite in the church.

Noting that a number of citizens have contributed $80,000 to help apprehend the murderer, Huie declared in Look:

"I think they may as well take their money back. I don't think the murderer will ever be identified. For whenever authority shares the fears of a murderer, and condemns only his violent effort to relieve his fears, the murderer is seldom identified, almost never convicted."

Special Easter Program Over WSOK

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CRUSADERS ORGANIZE WELFARE COMMITTEE

The Chatham County Crusade for Voters has organized a Welfare Committee as one of its standing committees. The Welfare Committee was organized due to the large number of requests being made through the CCCV for assistance in acquiring housing, food, clothing, jobs and financial assistance.

Mrs. Charlotte Dawson, 610 West 61st Street (ADams 3-0465), has been named chairman of the Welfare Committee. Mrs. Dawson has been a member of the CCCV Executive Board for the past three years. The CCCV feels that the Welfare Committee should be a community coordinated committee, because of the great service this committee can perform in Chatham County, due to the great need of these services. The survey made by the producers of the movie for the Chatham County Crusade for Voter's Voter Registration Campaign, shows hundreds of young families as well as old families out of work. Although these families are unable to find suitable employment, they do not meet the requirements of any civic, county, state or federal welfare agencies.

Those that are fortunate enough to maintain suitable employment for decent incomes must share with their fellowmen, enough of their earnings to at least afford shelter and food. Unemployment is one of the main reasons of many undesirable attitudes and activities for many people. Even the problem of illegitimacy, can largely be traced to poverty. Diseases, crime and illiteracy have been proven to be by-products of poverty. It is in the best interest of the entire community that some agency be established to meet the needs of those unemployed, those that fail to meet the requirements of welfare and relief agencies and do not have unemployment benefits. The Chatham County Crusade for Voters will make a desperate effort to establish a rotating fund that can be utilized by individuals and families meeting certain specifications. Relief will be given on character. It will be the policy of the Welfare or Relief Committee to expect families receiving relief to promise to repay the loan as soon as employment or government aid can be gotten.

WILL "YOU" HELP IN THE PRESENT REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN

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Organizations, Schools.

Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.)

Illiterace
Fear
Complacency

Plans for Dealing with Problems:

Adult Citizenship Schools
Block Clinics
Radio Programs
News Paper Ads
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County Mass Meetings

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.)

Sponsoring Organization Chatham County Crusade for Voters Contact person Hosea L. Williams

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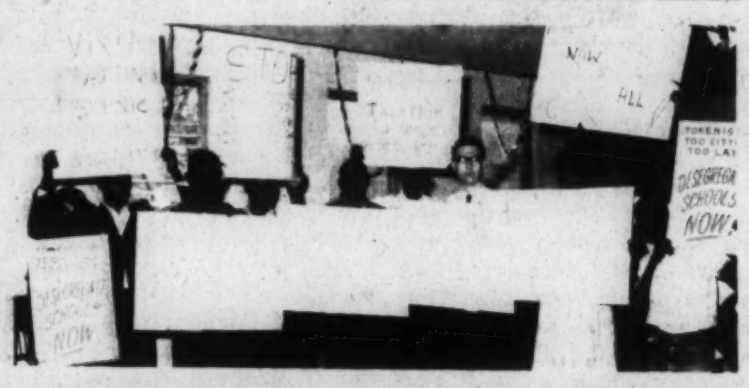

Picket Team Heads For Information Booth in City Gates

THE KING

Attorney C. B. King, a prominent Negro of Albany, Georgia, qualified last Saturday for the Congressional race in the second U. S. Congressional District of Georgia.

Attorney King has been very

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Police State "ALBANY"

A pamphlet about Albany, Georgia, published by the Georgia Human Relation Council, highly criticized the whites in Albany, Georgia as being

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L. B. J. PROMOTES FRIEND

President Johnson intends to name Attorney Hobart Taylor, Jr. of Detroit, Michigan to a high whitehouse post.

Attorney Taylor, a Texan by birth, became a very close friend of the president in the late fifties. After the late President John F. Kennedy appointed President Johnson

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CITY--EMPLOYES

Thirty-five City Employees of Savannah, Georgia graduated last week from the Reading and Writing course held at

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SUNDAY--"19"

Savannah's Press Club announced that the Chatham County Registrars have agreed to hold a voter registration

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ST. AUGUSTINE--WHITE MAN'S HEAVEN--BLACK MANS HELL

St. Augustine, Florida, a little town with big history, owned by the John Birch's, operated by the Klu Klux Klans and enslaved because of the presence of non-white Americans.

St. Augustine is located in St. John's county which is located on the East Coast of Florida. Florida, at St. John's county, along with St. Augustine has a beautiful history but an un-Democratic reputation.

Florida's motto "In God We Trust" in no way coincides with St. John's county un-American-like way of life. Florida's discoverer, the Spanish explorer Ponce De Leon, had no idea when he discovered Florida in 1513 that Menendez De Avil-Es alias Pedro Menendez would establish a little city in 1565 which history would define as America's oldest city.

Historically, age and time designates wisdom. This is untrue with St. Augustine, Florida, a city 399 years old. St. Augustine has trapped, preserved and perpetuated all of the prejudices, jim-crowism, bigotry, hate toward non-white Americans that have ever resided (even temporarily) within her boundaries. The enslavement of non-white Americans has only shifted for the worst in St. Augustine over the past 345 years. Physical slavery has been shifted into mental slavery, coupled with part- physical slavery.

St. Augustine was founded on a small Indian village site near Ponce De Leon landing place. It was founded out of war and disaster. Menendez led a strong Spanish force in battle against the French, leaving a French garrison in captivity of the Spanish. Menendez founded St. Augustine 55 miles southward.

Today, this White Man's Heaven and Black Man's Hell is much like Savannah, Georgia in that its population is made up of many races, nationalities and creeds. Its physical history is very visible. It has been preserved by the Klu Klux Klans and is now being extravagantly perpetuated by the John Birch's.

Not only is St. Augustine America's oldest city, but it is the only city where it is an exception to the rule to find a white citizen who does not boast about either being an active member of the Klu Klux Klan or the John Birch Society.

St. Augustine is unlike many other parts of America that claim segregation must be maintained in order to prevent the Negro from taking over. Its Negro population is only about 22%. The smallest of the Negro population should be an

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Dr. Robert Haylene, leader of the St. Augustine Freedom Movement chats with Mrs. Burgess and party before going off to face the police dogs and cow prods

INTELLIGENT PEOPLE REGISTERED TO VOTE

Hosea L. Williams tries to persuade Mrs. Peabody to go to jail

$21,000 YEAR JOB

Journalist Carl Rowan has been appointed to head the U. S. Information Agency (U. S. I. A.). His reputation as a reporter was established on the Minneapolis Tribune, where his stories on race relations brought national attention. He also wrote books, and became a national lecturer in great demand. In 1961, President Kennedy named Mr. Rowan Deputy Assistant Secrtary of State, and last promoted him to Ambassador to Finland.

His appointment to head the U. S. I. A. elevated him to one of the highest government jobs ever held by a Negro in America.

The agency spends $135,000,000 a year selling this country by radio, films, books, television, exhibits, libraries, the arts and personal contact to its 1,500 American officials all over the world.

During the Voice of America, it broadcasts daily to millions in thirty-six languages. Each month 600,000,000 see its films, in fifty-two languages; 10,000 words of news are sent

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$21,000

daily to 100 world posts; 75,000,000 readers look forward eagerly, so U. S. I. A. officials hope, to one of its cartoon characters "Little Moe" who pokes fun at communism.

Is it wise to have an uncompromising Negro head an organization that describes the many faces of the nation? Does he, as the Washington Evening Star said in an editorial, lack the necessary "tack, wisdom and good judgement"?

For Rowan, the day of Uncle Tom is gone. "I must make the same confession Mark Twain once made; I was born modest, but it wore off."

In a land as complex as this, which is the red-blooded American? Is it the lunging police dogs at St. Augustine, Florida, the Klu Klux Klan police department with their cow pods, or is it Leontyne Price enthralling an audience at the Metropolitan opera? Is it the well-to-do lolling at Palm Springs, California or the poor huddling in the city slums of Savannah, Georgia?

Should we point only to beauty, or should we be painted warts in all?

When the new U. S. I. A. director was ready for the oath of office, President Johnson said "My only admonishing to Carl Rowan is, tell the truth." Mr. Rowan's response to the president was "Mr. President, that is all I know how to do."

The future attitude of the entire world toward America largely will depend upon the masterful, articulate manner in which one of the most worthy journalists in America today, Mr. Carl Rowan, performs his job.

The S. C. L. C. Newsletter quoted Mr. Rowan as saying "All we need wish the world to know about us is the truth. I consider it one of U. S. I. A.'s first challenges to relate to the world in a creditable, meaningful way the truth about those several peaceful revolutions, some occurring during my lifetime that have made our country the land of hope that it is."

ST. AUGUSTINE

advantage in *democratizing* or *Christianalizing* St. Augustine, Florida. But, it has been used by the whites to establish St. Augustine, Florida as one of the State's most reknowned White Man's Heaven and Black Man's Hell.

White citizens in St. Augustine have allowed every conceivable means to be used to keep the Negroes "in their places." Negro homes have been burned, Klansmen and John Birches have beaten Negroes unmercily, Negro homes have been riddled with bullets from the rifles and shot guns of the white citizens, heads of households have been fired from their jobs and their possessions have been confiscated by the financiers of that evil system, police brutality against Negro citizens has been commonplace, the use of the electric cow prods and police dogs have been made a hobby. Negro boys and girls ranging from the ages of 14 to 16 have spent as high as 6 months in the confines of prisons because they picketed segregated facilities. Heads of households have been intimidated, the use of economic reprisals have been used against them in order to force them to keep their children into what the White Man's Heaven calls "their places." Negro parents have had to succumb to the evil system that is clearly a Black Man's Hell, in order that their families may survive.

Last summer when every Negro in America shouted for Freedom, the St. Augustine chapter of the NAACP launched a direct-action program. This direct-action program was led by a Negro dentist, Dr. Robert Haylene. At this time, 65% of Dr. Haylene's practice was white. Dr. Haylene, Floridian by birth, was highly praised by the civil rights leaders around the country because it is so hard to find a professional Negro that is willing to lead a civil rights struggle, even in New York City. The apathy of the Negro community, due to fear, was considered as the reason for less than 20 adults in St. Augustine being willing to go to jail for their freedom all summer long. Later Dr. Haylene and two other Negroes were beaten near death by klansmen and John Birches of St. John's county. A Negro woman's home was set afire with gasoline and Dr. Haylene's home was riddled with bullets. His two children and pregnant wife barely essaped death. Four Negro teenagers (below the ages of 17) were held in the county jail for 49 days and then carted off to the State Correction Institution where they remained until the governor of Florida was embarrassed into releasing them. Altogther these juveniles spent 6 months behind bars. Any attempt to free St. Augustine Negroes was blotted out. Dr. Haylene said "The NAACP let us down."

From late November until mid February, 1964 the St. Augustine movement went underground and was all but a one-man's operation. In February, 1964 Dr. Haylene attended a Florida conference sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. At this conference, he joined with the SCLC and asked Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for any help that he was in a position to offer. Dr. King was well aware of the St. Augustine situation and readily agreed to give Dr. Haylene and St. Augustine whatever support requested from the SCLC.

Rev. C. T. Vivian, Director of Affiliates of SCLC, was requested to offer services to the St. Augustine movement. Knowing that the oldest city in America is largely a one-shot industry town and bases much of its tourist trade on the publicity of its Easter Parade, Rev. Vivian got busy. Right-thinking white students and faculties from many colleges of the North have notified the SCLC that they would like to offer some service or make their contributions to the struggle for human dignity. The Massachusetts Chapter of the SCLC was contacted and agreed to recruit Freedom Fighters from the Eastern and Northern colleges for the spring holidays and Easter season.

Sunday March 22, students and faculty members from Yale and Harvard arrived at St. Augustine, Florida to spend their spring holidays and Easter vacations integrating St. Augustine, Florida in cooperation with local right-thinking citizens, under the banner of and direction of the St. Augustine Chapter of SCLC. Due to fear and the lack of experience in organizing and commanding a mass non-violent direct- action campaign, St. Augustine Negroes could not offer the type of challenge attractive enough to keep the northern students and faculties interested in remaining in St. Augustine for the remainder of their off-season. Nearly one-half of the first 20 that arrived in St. Augustine, found the Negro community so apathetic, due to fear, they departed and joined the freedom fight in Williamston, North Carolina. The remaining sympathizers tried to find consolation in voter-registration canvassing, conversing with the John Birches and Klu Klux Klansmen, long distance telephoning for help, sparcely picketing, observing the deep seated hate in whites that live solely off of white tourist dollars and learning the use of cow prods and vicious dogs in the White Man's Heaven and Black Man's Hell.

In response to Dr. Robert Haylene's cry for a commanding chief, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference ordered Hosea Williams, president of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters and leader of the Savannah Freedom-Now Movement into St. Augustine, Florida to command a major assault against the injustices of segregation. Williams arrived in St. Augustine Thursday, March 26, 1964.

A major non-violent direct action assault was launched with the almighty weapon "love and non-violence" which was something uncommon to St. Augustine. Mass meetings grew from a corner of a small Elks Hall to a packed house in the largest church for Negroes in St. Augustine. Local Negro participation grew from about 20 adults and 40 children to more than 400 youth and 1,000 adults. A New Day began in St. Augustine. Not only did the grass-root join the fight, but many of the professionals as well. Business people, school teachers and education administrators became a part of the fight. They became active enough to make talks in the mass meetings. All of the leading religious leaders came into the fight and offered their churches, influence and other valuables to the freedom struggle. Faculty members and students arrived daily from Harvard, Yale, Brown, Syracuse, Dartmouth, Colby, Boston, Maine and other universities. Nationally known figures such as Mrs. Malcolm Endicott Peabody, the wife of a retired Episcopal Bishop and the mother of Governor Endicott Peabody, Governor of Massachusetts; Mrs. John M. Burgess, wife of the only Negro Episcopal Bishop, the Sufferagan Bishop of Massachusetts; Mrs. Donal J. Campbell, wife of another Episcopal Bishop; Mrs. Henry S. Payson Rowe, granddaughter of an Episcopal Bishop and wife of a Boston Insurance Executive; Mr. Sohiel Zendah of Morocco; Dr. Kim Atkinson of Rome, Italy; Rev. C. K. Steel of Tallahasee, Florida; Rev. Frank Danfort, Chaplain, University of Mass.; Dr. William Coffin, Chaplain of Yale and Rev. Bernard Lee, Assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On Sunday the 29th of March, sit-in demonstrations began. The points of attack were the Ponce de Leon Hotel, The Ponce de Leon Motor Lodge, Holiday Inn, Howard Johnson Sleeping Facilities, Munson Restaurant, Chymes Restaurant, Drug Stores and City owned facilities.

From the 29th of March to the 1st of April (four days) more than 300 arrests had been made. Everyone went to jail, refused immediate legal aid and the help of a bondsman. Two Hundred of the arrested freedom fighters fasted and refused food their entire stay in jail. Some of them remained in jail for more than five days. Going to jail for Freedom became a common-place thing in St. Augustine, Florida.

Ninety-eight percent of the Negro High School students joined the non-violent freedom struggle. The high school student body adopted a resolution and made a solemn pledge to go to jail for freedom, miss a few days of segregated inferior education for a life-time of freedom.

Tuesday, March 31, 117 High School students were arrested with the use of cow prods and police dogs. Wednesday, April 1, all but a few of the remaining high school students, were arrested in a march for freedom on their way to the Slave Market. They were hurdled up by city and county law enforcement officers with the use of electric cow prods and vicious police dogs. They were loaded on prison trucks and hauled away waving and singing freedom songs to jail houses and stockhouses, like cattle.

The arrest of Mrs. John Burgess, wife of the Negro Episcopal Bishop, came after she and her white friends had been driven from several restaurants. They were finally served at one local drugstore but when the waitress determined that Mrs. Burgess was a Negro, the manager notified the party he did not want money for the food that had been served, but demanded they immediately stop eating and get out of his

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EDITORIAL -

POLICE BRUTALITY

Like a deadly rattler poised to strike, many southern white policemen think Negroes are to be struck first and questioned later. A call to a Negro neighborhood means use pistols, bulley sticks, cattle prods, and fire hoses. This unwarranted attack against Negroes as human beings MUST BE ENDED!!

For too many years, policemen have treated Negroes worse than dangerous and vicious criminals. Law enforcement officers are for the protection of all men, white and black, and there is no justification in the brutality that is needlessly inflicted upon helpless Negroes.

Far from being criminals, demonstrators are law abiding citizens who deserve the law's protection during their protests against the inequities in our society. True demonstrators are non-violent, but nonviolence should not be taken advantage of. Demonstrations are not riots, therefore, riot equipment is not needed when demonstrations are being staged. Policemen through their inhuman tactics can provoke riots, for each demonstration usually carries spectators awaiting an opportunity for violence to erupt. So, instead of working for law and order, the policemen are actually inviting what they, the policemen, don't want.

This is 1964 — many cities don't realize it, centuries have passed them by, and they are still living in past centuries. But in this year, it is time that cities upgrade their police departments. Cities that care enough for their protection should offer salaries high enough to attract real men, not sadists, to their police departments. This is not the time to have country, trigger-happy eighth grade educated, prejudiced policemen protecting our towns and cities. Police departments should be in position to attract intelligent, decent men who have high school diplomas and maybe some college training. To alleviate some of the present pressures, and prevent future violence, courses in sociology and psychology should be required of all men seeking positions with the police department. Where this is not possible, study sessions should be arranged to help these guardians of the law change their attitudes and find out their prejudices are just that—favor or dislike without full knowledge of the facts. We must give SAVANNAH credit for having such a program.

Employees should be carefully screened. Klansmen have no place in police departments. The Klan stands in direct opposition to all that America stands for, and it would be impossible for a Klansman to be a lawman—one who protects all the people. Worse than savages, these Negro hating lawmen do untold harm to America's image.

The FBI helps or hurts a community by its failure to remain unbiased in communities where demonstrations are being conducted. Here we would praise the Savannah area FBI for their part in the demonstrations during last summer. Knowing that talking to some FBI is like cutting your own throat, here we can honestly say we found the men assigned to this area fair and genuinely interested in justice.

Demonstrators are not violent men and women who need riot squads to control them. The sooner this is recognized by policemen, the sooner policemen will be able to return to their normal routine of duty which should be equally protecting the lives, rights, and properties of all Americans.

ST. AUGUSTINE

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place. At this point, Mrs. Burgess was embarrassed and irritated enough to fight for freedom, like Martin Luther King, Jr. Within a short while, the integrated party sought service at the fabulous Ponce de Leon Motor Lodge. Upon being told they could not be served because of the presence of Negroes (Mrs. John Burgess and Dr. Robert Haylene, leader of the St. Augustine Movement), Mrs. Burgess refused to keep running. She and Dr. Haylene were arrested. They were carried away to jail in the back seat of a police car with Mrs. Burgess squashed between Dr. Robert Haylene and the police dog. Mrs. Peabody, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Rowe followed the dictates of the segregationists and walked out.

After a night of prayer and song, Mrs. Peabody and Mrs. Campbell decided to stop running. Mrs. Peabody said upon one occasion "I don't believe they will arrest me." But, she was advised by the director, Hosea Williams, "These people will arrest Jesus Christ if He is friendly to Negroes." Mrs. Peabody and Mrs. Campbell accompanied a delegation of local Negroes to the Ponce de Leon Motor Lodge. After being refused service, the entire party refused to follow the dictates of the John Birches and the Klu Klux Klans of America, they were also carted off to jail like common criminals.

All 300 Freedom Fighters have been temporarily released until trial. The attorneys, Tobias Simon of Miami, Bill Kuntsler of New York City, John Pratt of the National Council of Churches are trying every legal means to get Federal Judge Simpson to accept complete jurisdiction of the cases.

Surely the oppressed won the battle, but the war continues in St. Augustine. Silence has been broken. Hosea L. Williams will return to St. Augustine Thursday, April 9, 1964. The fantastic story of this historical city will continue in the next issue of the CRUSADER.

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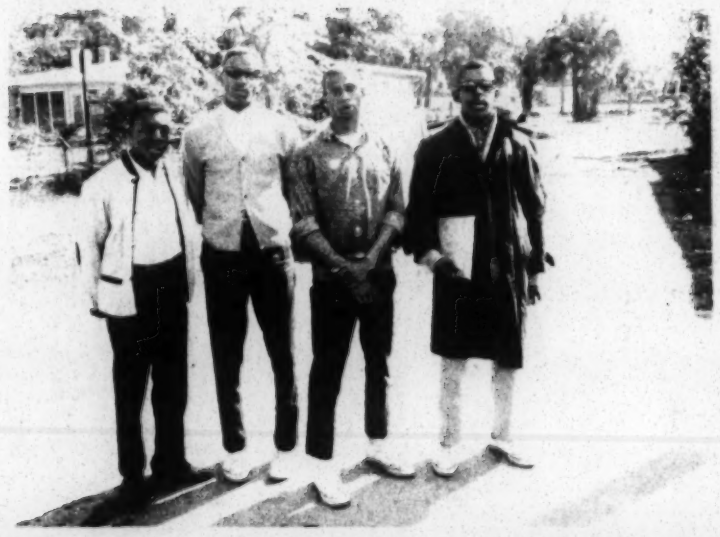
Soheil Zenedh, Kim Atkinson, Bill Whitney, Bill Boyd and Professor William H. Beckner (All of Harvard) come to St. Augustine to Join The Freedom Fight as reenforcement

Freedom Walkers Bradford Lyttle, Carl Arnold and John Stephenenson hit St. Augustine



Jerome Carswell, Robert Gibson, Jerome Glass and Julius Cullar, student leaders that led the high school demonstrations

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Sunday, April 19, 1964, from 1:00 P.M. until 6.00 P.M.

There will be a temporary registration office in each of Chatham County's eight voting districts. The locations at this time have been reported as follows:

- Alfred A. Beach High School, located on Hopkins Street.
- Fellwood Homes Low Rent Housing Project Community Center.
- Chatham County Courthouse, located on Bull Street, across from the U. S. Post Office.
- Savannah High School, 500 Washington Avenue.
- Herty School, located on Skidaway Road.
- Chatham County Health Center, located on Intermediate Road.
- Thunderbolt Town Hall, located 2816 River Drive.
- Garden City, City Hall, located 96 Main Street.

Members of the Savannah Bar Association have agreed to act as registration clerks for the program.

Free transportation will be given to any citizen in Chatham County by calling ADams 6-5727, ADams 6-5728, ADams 6-5729 or ADams 3-8127.

Hosea Williams, president of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters, said "This is one of the finest programs ever to be launched in Chatham County. I can imagine the great amount of effort it must have taken in order to materialize such a gigantic program. Some unpatriotic citizens have defined the program as a means being used by the whites of Chatham County to equalize the many new Negro voters that have been registered under the Crusade for Voters present registration drive. Irregardless to the stimulant that caused this program to be initiated, I believe in its integrity and urge every citizen living within the bounds of Chatham County above the age 17½ years to go to one of these places named above, between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M., Sunday, April 19, 1964, and join the FREEDOM NOW STRUGGLE by becoming a registered voter.

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(then Vice President) as chairman of the administration's Equal Employment Opportunity Committee, Mr. Taylor was appointed Vice Chairman to Mr. Johnson.

The two immediately became very close friends. Now that Mr. Johnson has been elevated to the presidency of the United States by virtue of being vice president at the time of the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy, Mr. Taylor is expected to be named to fill a vacancy which occurred upon the resignation of Mr. Ted Sorensen. Mr. Sorensen was named to the post by the late John F. Kennedy. By virtue of being a lawyer, Mr. Taylor is expected to return the position to its original legal advisory function rather than to serve as a special writer.

As operation chief of the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee, Mr. Taylor was credited with organizing the bulk of U. S. industries behind the administration's anti-bias program. By April 9 almost 200 major companies representing 8,000,000 employees will have taken the whitehouse pledge on fair employment practices.

Working with Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz, Mr. Taylor also played a key role last month in bringing together 16 AFL-CIO presidents to spearhead better opportunities for Negroes within the union establishment.

Mr. Taylor left a successful Detroit practice in April of 1961 to join the Kennedy administration. He has served a year as research assistant for the Michigan Supreme Court and became Wayne County's Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in 1949, County Corporation Counsel in 1961 and Senior Partner in the Detroit Law Firm of Taylor, Patrick, Baller, Wexler and Brookins in 1958.

Mrs. John Burgess Speaking to Mass Meeting Before She Was Driven Out of Several White Restaurants

Mrs. John Burgess Speaking with Tears in Her Eyes at Mass Meeting After She Was Bonded Out Of Jail

Jerry Joel Dick of Brown University is Welcomed to the Freedom Fight by Audrey Edwards who has just been released after 6 months in prison for picketting

Calvin Burrows, Mrs. Janice F. Forman (wife of Yale Faculty Member) and Rev. Winston W. Davison (Chaplain of Yale) step out of Volkswagan after thirty hour drive to St. Augustine. They were on their way to jail within an hour

William McClellan of Syracuse University Eats First Meal After Thumbing His Way To St. Augustine To Fight For Freedom

POLICE STATE

un-understandable. The title of the pamphlet is "Albany, Georgia: Police State?"

The cover of the document is illustrated with a drawing of a policeman's billy stick. The pamphlet defines the white community of Albany, Georgia as being the oppressor and the Negro community as being the oppressed.

It recalled the city administration's complaints against "Outside Agitators." Albany whites are accused of labeling all persons concerned with the freedom of the Negro and white people of Albany, Georgia as outside agitators unless they live within the bounds of Dougherty County.

"THE OUTSIDE AGITATOR LABEL drew international attention when the Albany Herald defined the president of the United States, then John F. Kennedy, as one."

The Council charged Police Chief Laurie Pritchett of arresting many civil rights fighters with little or no reason. The pamphlet stated, the chief had claimed to be acting to preserve law and order but the truth is many civil rights fighters have been arrested in Albany, Georgia when there was no threat to public safety.

"The only thing the Chief preserved," the pamphlet said, "was the segregated status-quo." "The ugly fact is that the Albany police department has conducted a successful, campaign to stop non-violent direct action programs by abridging freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, the right to picket and any other freedom of expression by civil rights fighters."

Four white ministers who spoke moderately on race relations have been driven out of Albany, Georgia. Many ministers confess they would speak out in favor of human dignity but they are afraid they will also be driven out of town.

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Harris Area Trade School. Some of these were completely illiterate at the off-set of the class. All of them had difficulties in reading and writing. "The new learning skills make for happier employees, some of the men have already been promoted" said Savannah's personnel manager, Frank Walls.

The students, all men, ranged from their early twenties to sixty years old. Classes were held after the working hours of the men. The teachers volunteered their services. They are all members of the Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority of Savannah.

Mrs. Katherine Kirkland of the State Board of Education staff instituted the Savannah program. She arranged education television for the classes every Tuesday and Thursday evenings, WVAN at Pembroke, Georgia.

City manager A. A. Mendonsa, who attended these ceremonies said "We in city government compliment you and thank you for your interest. You now have the basic tools; you can go on into additional programs for more skills."

KING

active in the civil rights struggle of Albany, Georgia. He is the brother of Mr. Slater King, who is the leader of the Albany movement.

One of Attorney King's opponents is Mr. Maston O'Neal. These two gentlemen have opposed one another many times before. While defending civil rights fighters, Attorney King faced Mr. O'Neal who is the Solicitor General of the Albany Judicial Circuit.

Attorney King, 40, is the first Negro to run for Congress in Georgia in modern times. A leader of Albany, Georgia, he has practiced law there for the past 8½ years. Most of his work in the last three years has been connected with the Albany movement.

During the height of the massive civil rights demonstrations in Albany in 1962, Mr. King was beaten in the head with the large walking stick by Sheriff D. C. Campbell, Sr.

Mr. King is a graduate of Fisk University and obtained his law degree from Western Reserve University in Ohio. He is a World War II Veteran of the Navy of the U. S. He has been admitted to the Ohio bar and is a member of the Georgia and American Bar Associations. He is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia, married and has five children.

Mr. King said "I believe the majority of the electorates of the 2nd District of Georgia is sufficiently enlightened. My campaign will not be run solely upon the racial issue but will include planks just as important, such as improved housing and incomes for all citizens. We have increased the number of voters in this district significantly and I imagine the large number of these is Negro."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Hosea L. Williams, President of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters set up a Voter Registration Drive in Dougherty County last November. After the drive was set up, Williams sent one of his chief captains, Willie Bolden of Savannah, in to man the drive. Mr. Bolden has been living and working in Albany since the early part of December.

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Williams talks to Mrs. Peabody as she makes up her mind to do the will of God

King and Mitchell praise President

WASHINGTON

President Lyndon Johnson received warm praise last week for his civil rights efforts from Dr. Martin Luther King and the director of the NAACP Washington Bureau, Clarence Mitchell.

Speaking to the South Atlantic Regional Conference of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Mr. Mitchell said President Johnson is fighting for civil rights "constructively, aggressively and effectively, with more energy than any President has ever had in this area."

Dr. King praised the President for his appeal to leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention for action on civil rights. He agreed with the President that the elimination of racial discrimination is the "most critical challenge face today."

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Seven colored, including four alternates, will be among Tennessee's delegation to the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City Aug. 24-27.

It will mark the first time the Volunteer State has sent an integrated delegation to the national convention.

The state's 66 delegates and 33 alternates are also pledged to cast Tennessee's 40 votes for President Johnson, breaking with tradition.

The last pledged Tennessee delegation backed favorite son Sen. Estes Kefauver for the presidential nomination in 1952.

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Florida's Dade County votes ban on discrimination

MIAMI, Fla. (ANP) — The Dade County Metra Commission has banned racial discrimination by companies doing business in the county.

The commission's recently-passed resolution restates Dade County policy against discrimination, extends it to cover firms operating under franchise or lease on county property and prohibits discrimination in on-side employment on county public works contracts.

Mrs. Burgess chatting with her friend, Mrs. Peabody before (Mrs. Burgess) headed off to jail

Judith Creedy of Brown University Arrives in St. Augustine to Fight for Freedom

Bruce Locke Lawder of Dartmouth College arrives in St. Augustine by Bus

Mrs. Janice M. Forman tells mass meeting how they were surrounded by the Klu Klux Klan while picketting and the local police refused to help

Sit-In Team heads off to local drug store

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Judge promises early trial for bomb suspects

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — (ANP) — Five Ku Klux Klan leaders pleaded not guilty here, last week, in U.S. District Court to charges that they conspired to dynamite the home of a student who enrolled in a public school previously attended by only white students.

U. S. District Judge William A. McRae Jr. promised an early trial. He gave attorneys for the men 20 days to file motions. The attorneys indicated they would ask for a bill of particulars detailing the charges.

The five are charged with conspiring with William Sterling Jr., to violate the civil rights of six-year-old Donald Godfrey, who entered the Lackawanna Element a r y School last fall under a Federal court order.

The boy's home was badly damaged Feb. 16 by a dynamite blast. No one in the house was injured.

Rosecrans, a 30-year-old mechanic from Anderson, Ind., pleaded guilty to the charges and admitted that he placed a dynamite bomb under the house.

Rev. Curtis J. Jackson, former pastor of 1st A. B. Church and leading Freedom Fighting Minister of Savannah, Georgia, Rutledge Pearson, Mrs. Janette (Rutherford) Johnson, wife of Florida's NAACP Lawyer and college classmate of Hosea Williams, and Hosea Williams, leader of Savannah's Freedom Now Movement meet in Tallahassee's Freedom March

Mrs. Henry S. Payson Rowe, granddaughter of an Episcopal Bishop, wife of a Boston Insurance Executive speaks to Mass Meeting before leaving St. Augustine

Catherine Butler, William McClellan, Calvin Burrows and Grace Gillian gives big smile before going off to jail

Integrated Picket Team Takes Off to Picket Segregated Easter Parade

Integrated Picket Team Heads for Slave Market in Ponce de Leon Hotel

Rev. C. K. Steel, 1st Vice President of SCLC Makes Financial Appeal at Mass Meeting

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Mrs. Peabody and party chat with Chaplain Bill England of Yale before Rev. England went off to jail

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Since the tragedy of Texas, much stress has been placed upon whom will be chosen as running mate for President Johnson. Strange as it may seem, the utmost importance has been placed upon the query of "What would happen if fate would step in and strike once at the very vitals of our governmental machine," that is, try once more to eliminate our chief and foremost character at the helm of our government and thereby, bring to pass a most staggering situation.

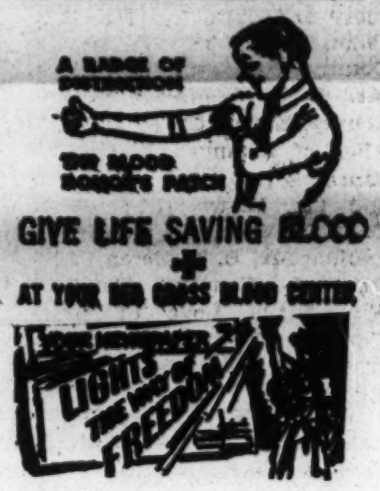
There is such a thing as fate triking twice, many have observed, and what would happen if this sure-fire man of the hour, Adam Clayton Powell, should find himself president in this emergency. The Rev. Mr. Powell has shown himself more than adequate, more than ready, more than apt in meeting every attack made upon him. Sanayana says:

"A brave man dies but once,
"A coward a thousand times!"

Drew Pearson draws a very dramatic presentation of this possibility in the Post of March 28. The article is captioned, "The Dark Enigma of Congress."

Win Awards

NEW YORK—State Senator Constance Baker Motley and Dr. Milton R. Konvitz of Cornell University, both prominent in the civil rights movement, have been named winners of the New York University Washington Square College Alumni Association's 1964 Achievement Award.



THE NEGRO PRESS Prints News That Other Papers Ignore

Federal Employment Opportunities

The Atlanta U. S. Civil Service Regional Office is accepting applications for accountant and auditor positions paying from $7,030 to $9,980 a year.

Applicants will be graded on their experience, education and training. Applications will be accepted until June 8, 1964.

Positions to be filled are located in the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, and Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

Persons interested in these positions may get application forms or information as to where such forms are available at any post office (except the Atlanta, Georgia Post Office) or the Atlanta Regional Office, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Merchandise Mart Building, 240 Peachtree St., N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. (To apply in person, call at the information office, Federal Building, 275 Peachtree Street, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia).

First District Elects 1964 Officers

On last Saturday at Butler Presbyterian Church, the Southeastern Georgia Crusade for Voters held its Annual Meeting. The meeting, which lasted from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., included county reports, political action workshops, Adult Citizenship School Training, organizational training sessions, and the election of 1964 officers.

Hosea L. Williams, president of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters, was re-elected as District President. Ralph Quarterman of Liberty County was elected as First Vice President and D. J. Norwood of Tatnall County was elected as Second Vice President. Miss Carolyn Roberts was elected as secretary, Mr. Will Judson, Assistant secretary and Mrs. Emogene Middleton as treasurer.

Chairmen of the standing committees were elected as follows: Rev. T. J. Lynch of Evans County was elected as Church Work Chairman; Rev. P. A. Patterson of Chatham County, Political Guidance; Professor N. H. Williams of Emanuel County, Chairman of the Legislative Committee; Mr. James Tyson of Chatham County, Organized Labor; Rev. A. Goran of Wheeler County, District Organizer; Rev. C. S. Roberts of Burke County, Organization Chairman; Mr. B. T. Burney of Bryan County, Business and Industry; Mr. Benjamin Van Clarke of Chatham County, Patronage Committee; Mr. C. D. Camp of Screven County, Education; Mr. Thomas Allen of Emanuel County, Finance; Mr. Lester Hankerson and Mr. Henry Brownlee of Chatham County, Voter Registration; Mr. B. T. Hatan of Effingham County, Publicity; Mrs. Mary Love of Bryan County, Entertainment and Mrs. J. S. Williams of Liberty County, Interview Committee.

The county reporting session was supervised by Mr. J. H. Calhoun, Co-Chairman of the Georgia Voter's League and Chairman of the Statewide Registration Committee. During the reporting session, it was brought out repeatedly that many of the problems of the various counties could be solved by instituting the adult citizenship school program, which is being sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. This was verified by all of the counties that were able to report concrete accomplishments. Each of these counties reported that their political action program had been greatly enhanced and promoted by the adult citizenship program. There are more than 25 Adult Citizenship Schools operating in the 1st U.S. Congressional District: Chatham, Tatnall, Wheeler, Emanuel, and Evans were the counties reporting the greatest amount of accomplishments through political action (except Liberty). Each of these counties have been involved in operating citizenship schools for the past three years.

The Youth held a special session during which "Pep" songs were sung and county reports were made. The youth also elected district officers. The entire delegation viewed a movie "Government Is Your Business," which was shown by Rev. Fred C. Bennett and Rev. Daniel Harrall. The Clinic then recessed for dinner.

After dinner, there was a short session on political education, conducted by Mr. John H. Calhoun, who presented material on how to organize a block party, the role of public officials, public relations in the use of plycards and stickers.

Hosea Williams, explained how a county could involve itself in the Adult Citizenship School program. Williams reported "The entire program is financed by the Marshall-Field Foundation and is supervised by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. SCLC trains the teachers from your community at Dorchester Community Center located in Liberty County. We furnish all the materials including textbooks. Each teacher is given enough finance to bear the expenses of operating her or his class. The county supervisor is given a gas allowance in order to enable him to promote the program and assist the teachers whenever needed."

The delegates were then advised as to how to organize a crash block party or individual registration drive. "It is too late to organize a Mass Voter Registration Campaign or a permanent registration effort," said Mr. John Calhoun. The group was informed that the deadline for registration is May 5. "This leaves us one whole month in order to register our unregistered citizens. Each county should have a meeting within the next seven days and make a desperate attempt to get as many new registered voters BEFORE MAY 5 as possible," president Williams admonished the group.

The Executive Board of the Southeastern Georgia Crusade for Voters will meet again Saturday, May 2, in Savannah, Georgia.

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TO: Rev. Andrew J. Young, Director, SCLC Voter Registration Project, 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303

FROM: Hosea L. Williams, Director, Chatham County Crusade for Voters' Voter Registration Drive, SCLC Special Project, 458½ West Broad Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401

SUBJECT: Supplementary Report to the Chatham County Voter Registration Field Report for February, 1964

Please be tolerant and kind by forgiving me for not including this very important data in my February report.

This data should have been placed on the Voter Registration Progress Report under the heading of New Insights and Voter Registration.

Having limited funds for radio spots and programs, and due to the lack of funds to utilize any television time, we decided to try conversing in motivating the masses through mass meetings with first class civil rights orators. This method has proven to be a fair way of, not only conversing, but educating and motivating the masses in political action of voter education.

As was stated in previous reports, the CCCV worked very hard in order to "Ready the Community" from a psychological standpoint, for a Mass Voter Registration Drive. The massmeetings technique was a part of our preliminary work, in setting the community up for a Mass Voter Registration Drive.

On December 8, 1963, the Rev. Andrew J. Young of the SCLC spoke at a mass meeting held at the St. Phillip A. M. E. Church. We felt that we would be able to get the masses out to hear Rev. Young. Rev. Young's speech was based around a Good Voter Education Program. He spoke on the value of the vote as it is related to meat and bread, dollar and cents, and a greater future for Negro youth. The main objective of this meeting was to select the workers and determine what many citizens thought we should do in order to register 6,000 New Voters. At the end of the meeting, cards were passed out to all persons in the church and a request was made that these cards be filled out and left at the door. About 90 Cards were turned in as the audience passed from the church. Many persons signed up for the telephone committee, block worker committee, transportation committee, speaker's bureau, church committee, leaflet committee, publicity committee, part-time office help, business committee, organization committee, and others. About 75% of the volunteers signed up to do block work.

On December 22, the Rev. C. T. Vivian spoke at a County-Wide Mass Meeting that was played up and had the same objective as the meeting which Rev. Young spoke to on December 8. Again we made an effort to motivate volunteer workers and solicite members on the various committees established to carry out the Mass Voter Registration Drive. Good results were gained after the speech was delivered by the Rev. C. T. Vivian, which were based mainly upon the need for a dynamic political action program among the underprivileged.

Mass meetings were held then twice weekly making use of local talents. At each meeting, held in various parts of the county, an attempt was made to motivate and solicite volunteered and paid workers as well.

Publicity began about January 11, 1964, that the Dr. Martin LutherKing, Jr., President of the S.CL.C would kick off a mass voter registration drive at the Savannah Municipal auditorium on January 16, 1964 at 8:00 p.m. Knowing the value of a good registration program among the clergy, a meeting was set up with the clergy of Savannah and

CHATHAM COUNTY ON JANUARY 16 WITH DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PRIOR TO HIS SPEAKING ENGEGEMENT. MANY MINISTERS WHO HAD FAILED TO COOPERATE OR CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH VOTER REGISTRATION IN THE PAST MET WITH DR. KING. DR. KING UTILIZED THE TIME IN WHICH HE MET WITH THE MINISTERS TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO THEM THE REASONS WHY NEGROES MUST REGISTER AND VOTE IN LARGER NUMBERS . DR. KING ALSO EXPLAINED TO THE MINISTERS THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SCLC AND ITS AFFILIATES. THE CITY AUDITORIUM OF SAVANNAH HOLDS 2,000 PERSONS. THE NIGHT DR. KING DELIVERED HIS SPEECH AT THE AUDITRIUM, IT WAS PACKED. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WERE TURNED AWAY. WORKERS WERE STATIONED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE COURTHOUSE AFTER THE FIREMEN REFUSED TO ALLOW ANY MORE PERSONS TO ENTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOLICITING VOLUNTEERS TO WORK IN OUR REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN. MANY INDIVIDUALS WERE NOT ABLE TO GET INTO THE CITY AUDITORIUM, FILLED OUT CARDS SAYINGTHEY WOULD WORK THEIR BLOCK OR ON SOME OTHER COMMITTEE DURING THE CAMPAIGN AND THEY WENT BACK TO THEIR HOMES TO LISTEN TO DR. KING ON THEIR RADIO. INDEX CARDS (2,000) WERE PASSED OUT TO THE PERSONS WAITING TO HEAR DR. KING DELIVER HIS ADDRESS. DURING THIS PROGRAM SEVERAL OF THE CHAIRMEN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES LIKE THE BUSINESS, ORGANIZATION, CHURCH WORK, STREET AND BAR, AREA, ETC. USED ABOUT THREE MINUTES EACH TO EXPLAIN ABOUT THE DUTIES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES AND TO SOLICITATE VOLUNTEER WORKERS TO WORK ON THEIR COMMITTEES. DR. KING GAVE AN UNUSUALLY MOTIVATING AND INFORMATIVE SPEECH. HIS SPEECH WAS GEARED TO MOTIVATE MASS COMMUNITY ACTION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION. DR. KING'S SPEECH WAS GEARED MORE TO THE GRASS ROOT ELEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY. HE SPOKE OF FREEDOM, FREEDOM THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS. HE LED THE AUDIENCE TO BELIEVE THAT THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND BEST WAY TO OBTAIN OUR FREEDOM IS AT THE BALLOT BOX, BUT HE WENT BACK AND EXPLAINED THE USELESSNESS OF ELECTION DAY OR THE DAMNATION OF ELECTION DAY UNLESS NEGROES ARE REGISTERED IN LARGE NUMBERS. HIS SPEECH DID NOT DEAL WITH THE USUAL REGISTRATION DRIVE PHYLOSOPHY "GET REGISTERED TO VOTE", IT DEALT MORE WITH THE NEW TYPE OF PHYLOSOPHY "GET EVERYONE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS, CHURCH MEMBERS, FRIENDS, ETC. REGISTERED TO VOTE." AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING, REQUESTS WERE MADE FOR EVERYONE TO JOIN THE REGISTRATION DRIVE BY FILLING OUT THE CARD THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN STATING JUST WHAT COMMITTEE THEY WOULD LIKE TO WORK ON AND IN WHAT CAPACITY. THE CARDS WERE TAKEN UP AT THE DOOR AND THIS IS WHERE SEVERAL HUNDRED VOLUNTEER WORKERS GAINED. HERE WE PROVED THE MASS MEETING COUPLED WITH THE RIGHT TYPE OF SPEAKER WAS OF GREAT VALUE TO A MASS VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

THE SEEERING COMMITTEE FELT THAT DR. KING'S SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT HAD PRODUCED ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS TO BEGIN SUBSIDIZING ADDITIONAL WORKERS TO BEGIN THE PROGRAM IN VOTER REGISTRATION. DR. KING'S SPEECH WAS CONSDERED THE KICK-OFF TO A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE DAY AFTER DR. KING'S SPEECH, THE CCCV CONSIDERED ITS DRIVE IN FULL OPERATION. THE VOTER REGISTRATION PROCEEDED FAIRLY ACCEPTABLE FROM THE 16TH OF JANUARY UP TO ABOUT THE 2ND WEEK IN FEBRUARY. AT THIS TIME A SURVEY WAS MADE. IT WAS FOUND THATSEVERAL OF THE VOLUNTEER WORKERS HAD NOT BEGUN TO PRODUCE AND SEVERAL OF THOSE THAT HAD BEGUN PRODUCING HAD FALLEN OFF. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES BELIEVED THAT A FEW MORE MASS MEETINGS WOULD MAKE UP FOR THE DEFICIT.

ON FEBRUARY 16, MRS. SEPTIMA P. CLARK, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE ADULT CITIZENSHIP SCHOOLS OF SCLC, SPOKE AT A MASS MEETING HELD AT ONE OF THE LOCAL BAPTIST CHURCHES. THE PURPOSE AND INTENTIONS OF THIS MEETING WAS TO MOTIVATE AND GAIN WORKERS FOR THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE. A LARGE CROWD TURNED OUT TO HEAR MRS. CLARK TELL OF HERSELF AND HER BOOK "ECHO IN MY SOUL". MANY WORKERS WERE SOLICITED AT THIS MEETING AND THROWN INTO THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE.

ON FEBRUARY 19, REV. A. D. KING, BROTHER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DELIVERED AN ADDRESS TO ONE OF SAVANNAH'S LARGEST CHURCHES. AGAIN THE MEETING WAS USED FOR MOTIVATION AND SOLICITATION OF NEW WORKERS. REV. KING'S SPEECH MOTIVATED MANY NEW WORKERS TO JOIN THE DRIVE. THESE NEW WORKERS WERE IMMEDIATELY ASSIGNED REBPONSIBILITIES AND ASKED TO GO TO WORK.

ON FEBRUARY 23, MRS. ARNELL PONDER, FIELD SECRETARY FOR THE SCLC IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, SPOKE TO A MASS MEETING. LARGE CROWDS CAME OUT TO HEAR MRS. PONDER TELL OF

THE MISSISSIPPI PLIGHT OF THE BLACK MAN "WHITE MAN'S HEAVEN AND BLACK MAN'S HELL". AT THE MEETING, MANY WOEKERS WERE SOLICITED AND IMMEDIATELY ASSIGNED THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THROWN INTO THE REGISTRATION DRIVE.

ON MARCH 4, MRS. CORETTA SCOTT KING, WIFE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SPOKE TO A LARGE CROWD IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA. MRS. KING ARRIVED IN SAVANNAH ABOUT 1:30 P.M. THE ~~EARLIER~~ EARLY ARRIVAL WAS DUE TO SEVERAL PRELIMINARY MEETINGS ARRANGED BETWEEN VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND MRS. KING. THE BEAUTITIANS' UNION DECIDED OR RATHER WERE PERSUADED TO ACT AS HOSTS TO MRS. KING. THEY WERE ALLOWED THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING MRS. KING AT THE AIRPORT AND ESCORTING HER TO HER HOTEL. A MEETING AT THE MANGER HOTEL WAS SET UP BETWEEN MRS. KING, LOCAL BEAUTITIANS, AND MINISTER'S WIVES. THIS MEETING WAS USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRYING TO GET BEAUTITIANS AND MINISTER'S WIVES TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN. AT 4:00 P.M. THAT AFTERNOON, MRS. KING WAS LAUNCHED BY THE LINKS, INC. AGAIN, THIS MEETING WAS USED TO TRY TO GET THE LINKS TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES ACTIVELY IN THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN. ALL OF THESE MEETINGS WERE IN KEEPING WITH MOTIVATING THE COMMUNITY AND SOLICITING ADDITIONAL WORKERS FOR THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN. COUPLED ALONG WITH MRS. KING'S SPEECH, CERTIFICATES OF VALOR AND HONOR WERE GRANTED TO ALL PERSONS THAT WERE JAILED LAST SUMMER DURING THE DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE 8:00 P.M. MEETING THAT NIGHT. A LARGE CROWD TURNED OUT TO HEAR MRS. KING. AGAIN, THE MEETING WAS USED FOR MOTIVATING THE COMMUNITY AND SOLICITING OF NEW WORKERS.

ON MARCH 8, MRS. DOROTHY COTTON, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO DR. MARTIN KING, JR. SPOKE AT A MASS MEETING. MRS. COTTON PLAYED A TWO-FOLD PART IN OUR MASS MEETING. SHE LED FREEDOM SONGS BEAUTIFULLY AND INSPIRINGLY. SHE ALSO BASED HER TALK ON FREEDOM NOW! HER MAIN SUBJECT MATTER STRESSED THE NEED FOR MASS VOTER REGISTRATION. SHE EXPLAINED THAT NEGROES WOULD ONLY REGISTER IN MASSES WHEN WE WHO UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF THE VOTE GO OUT INTO THE ALLEYS, LANES, BLOCKS, STREETS, ETC. AND EXPLAIN TO OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS AND TAKE THEM DOWN TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICE AND GET THEIR NAMES ON THE BOOKS. NEW WORKERS WERE SOLICITED FOR THE REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

ON MARCH 18, REV. C. T. VIVIAN AGAIN SPOKE TO A MASS MEETING CROWD. WE WERE ABLE TO GET SEVERAL NEW VOLUNTEER WORKERS TO SIGN UP AS BLOCK WORKERS AND ON THE OTHER VARIOUS COMMITTEES TO PA RTICIPATE IN THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

FROM THE NUMBER OF MASS MEETINGS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD AND THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER WORKERS THAT SIGNED UP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMPAIGN, ONE WOULD THINK THAT WE HVE MORE THAN 2,000 VOLUNTEER WORKERS. IT SEEMS TO BE HUMAN NATURE THAT THERE ~~ARE~~ IS A CONSTANT DROP OUT OF WORKERS. THEREFORE, THERE MUST BE A CONSTANT GAINING OF NEW WORKERS TO REPLACE THOSE THAT FALL OUT ALONG THE WAY.

SECOND PART OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

AS WAS STATED IN THE CCCV PREVIOUS VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRESS REPORTS UNDER THE HEADING OF DISCUSSIONS OF PROBLEMS FACED, REJECTIONS OR DENIAL OF REGISTRATION BY THE CLERKS IN THE REGISTRATION OFFICE AS OF THIS DATE MARCH 19, 1964, TO BE A MAJOR PROBLEM. THERE IS NOTHING DEFINITE THAT THIS PROBLEM HAS CEASED TO BE A PROBLEM PERMANENTLY. THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN FACED BEFORE ANDRELIEF WAS GRANTED. THIS RELIEF TURNED OUT TO BE TEMPORARY.

APPROXIMATELY 600 NEGROES HAVE BEEN DENIED REGISTRATION BY THE CLERKS IN THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE FROM JANUARY 2 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 1964. ACTUALLY THEY HAVE DENIED REGISTRANTS HEAVILY SINCE THE SECOND AND THROUGH THE SECOND OF MARCH. MOST OF THESE REJECTIONS WERE DUE TO PERSONS BEING DENIED REGISTRATION BECAUSE THEY MISSED ONE OR MORE WORDS IN THEIR READING. SOME WERE DENIED FOR THEIR WRITING. OTHERS WERE DENIED ON MORE TRIVIAL POINTS, I.E. THEY DID NOT KNOW THEIR MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME, HOSTILITY FROM THE REGISTRATION CLERKS CONFUSED THEM AND THEY GOT THEIR BIRTHDATES AND AGES CONFUSED. OTHERS WERE DENIED BECAUSE THEY TOLD THE CLERKS THAT THEY HAD BEEN REGISTERED IN SOME OTHER

COUNTY MAYBE TEN OR FIFTEEN YEARS AGO. THE UNBELIEVABLE THING ABOUT THOSE THAT HAD BEEN REGISTERED IN SOME OTHER COUNTY, THEY HAVE LIVED IN CHATHAM COUNTY ANYWHERE FROM FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS AND HAVE NOT BEEN BACK TO THAT COUNTY TO VOTE. MANY NEGROES BELIEVE THE REJECTIONS WERE DUE TO THE NUMBER OF NEGROES SHOWING UP AT THE REGISTRATION OFFICE RATHER THAN THE STATED REASONS. MRS. MARGARET MOELETTE, WHO WORKS IN THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE CORRIDOR, REPORTED THAT NOT ONE WHITE PERSON HAD BEEN REJECTED SINCE THE FIRST OF JANUARY. ANOTHER REASON IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE REJECTIONS ARE DELIBERATE IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE CARDS THAT THE CLERKS ASK THE PROSPECTIVE REGISTRANTS TO READ WERE CHANGED. BEFORE THE CAMPAIGN BLOOMED TO FULL MATURITY, THE REGISTRATION CLERKS WERE USING CARDS ABOUT FOUR INCHES WIDE AND ABOUT SIX INCHES HIGH. THE WRITING ON THE CARDS WAS IN LARGE CAP BOLD TYPE, ABOUT AN 18 PT. OR 24 PT. TYPE. NEITHER CARD HAD LESS THAN 1 LINE NOR MORE THAN 4. MOST OF THE CARDS CARRIED 2 OR 3 LINES. THE NEW CARDS CARRY ANYWHERE FROM 3 - 14 OR 15 LINES. THE TYPE BEING USED IS VERY SMALL. FROM JUST LOOKING AT THE TYPE, ONE WOULD THINK THE TYPEWRITER NEEDED A RIBBON BAD. I AM SURE THE NEW CARDS ALSO CONTAIN THE MOST DIFFICULT PARTS OF THE GEORGIA AND THE U. S. CONSTITUTION TO READ.

AFTER THE DATA COLLECTED BY THE COURTHOUSE WORKER DEFINITELY SHOWED AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF REJECTIONS, WE BEGAN WORKING ON THE PROBLEM. THE FIRST PLAN FOR DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM WAS TO TALK TO THE CLERKS IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR. AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE BUT RESULTS WERE COMPLETELY A FAILURE. THE SECOND PLAN FOR DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM WAS TALKING WITH THE REGISTRARS. AN APPOINTMENT WAS MADE AND A DELEGATION CALLED UPON THE REGISTRARS, AGAIN, COMPLETE FAILURE. THE THIRD PLAN WAS A POLITICAL PLAN. THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WAS ASKED TO INTERVENE. A MEETING WAS SET UP WITH HIM AND HE PROMISED TO GIVE SOME RELIEF. THEN THE MAYOR OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA WAS CONTACTED AND TOLD OF THE PROBLEM. HE ALSO PROMISED TO MAKE SOME CONTACTS THAT WOULD GIVE RELIEF. THEN THE COUNTYCOMMISSIONERS, WHO WRE UP FOR RE-ELECTION THIS YEAR,, WERE CONTACTED. AFTER TALKING WITH A FEW OF THEM, IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS WAS A PROBLEM, AND AN UNJUST ONE. THEY PROMISED TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE AND CONTACTS IN ORDER THAT THE NUMBER OF REJECTIONS WOUDD BE REDUCED. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS USUALLY CAN GET THE REGISTRAR TO COOPERATE BECAUSE THEY CONTROL THE BUDGET OF THE REGISTRAR. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, THE MAJOR, NOR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WERE ABLE TO GET ANY RESULTS. THE FOURTH PLAN FOR DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM WAS TO PULL A BLUFF AND TRY TO SCARE THE REGISTRARS INTO GETTING THE CLERKS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF REJECTIONS. A NORMAL AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY AND CERTAIN INFORMATION FILLERS WERE FED INFORMATION CONCERNING A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. THIS IS USUALLY THE PLAN THE CCCV HAS TAKEN IN THE PAST. WHENEVER THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS CONTACTED, USUALLY AN INVESTIGATION IS MADE, BUT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THE RESULTS ARE ALWAYS NEGATIVE. WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THE HARDEST TYPE OF CASES FOR THEM TO GIVE RELIEF TO IS THE VOTER REGISTRATION CASE. ANYWAY, THE REGISTRARS AND THEIR CLERKS DID NOT BLUFF EASY. THE FIFTH AND FINAL PLAN FOR DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM, WAS STRICTLY RAW, GRASS ROOT POLITICS. IT WAS KNOWN THAT THE CHIEF REGISTRAR HELD ANIMOUSITY IN HIS HEART AGAINST THE NEGRO VOTERS IN CHATHAM COUNTY. ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, THE JUDGE OF ORDINARY DIED. THERE WERE SEVERAL CANDIDATES OFFERED THEMSELVES FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE JUDGE OF ORDINARY. ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WAS THE CHIEF REGISTRAR. AT THAT TIME HE TRIED TO GET THE INFLUENCE OF THE CCCV BEHIND HIM BUT, AS LONG AS THIS MAN HAD BEEN A REGISTRAR HE HAD BUILT AN UNFAIR REPUTATION AMONG NEGROES. THE NEGROES VOTED FOR ANOTHER CANDIDATE. THE CHIEF REGISTRAR WAS ABLE TO PULL MORE WHITE VOTES THAN ANY OTHER CANDIDATE, IN FACT THE WINNER ONLY POLLED ABOUT 1,200 WHITE VOTES, WHEN THE CHIEF REGISTRAR ONLY POLLED ABOUT 3,700 WHITE VOTES. BUT, THE CANDIDATE POLLING THE 1,200 WHITE VOTES RECEIVED THE NEGRO VOTE, WHICH GAVE HIM A TOTAL OF ABOUT 5,000 VOTES.

THE FINAL PLAN THAT GAVE RESULTS WAS TO TRY AND MAKE POLITICAL FRIENDS WITH THE CHIEF REGISTRAR. IN AN UNPUBLISHED MEETING, THREE INDIVIDUALS MET. ACTUALLY NO REAL PROMISES WERE MADE, OTHER THAN THE REGISTRAR WAS ADVISED THAT IF HE WAS STILL INTERESTED IN THE JUDGE OF ORDINARY COURT POSITION, HE REALLY SHOULD BE A FRIEND TO THE NEGRO PEOPLE. WITHOUT SAYING, REJECTIONS BY THE CLERKS AT THIS IS AT ONE OF THE LOWEST EBBS OF ALL TIMES.

SUNDAY - "19"

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Savannah's Press Club announced that the Chatham County Registrars have agreed to hold a voter registration

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Sunday, April 19, 1964, from 1:00 P.M. until 6.00 P.M.

There will be a temporary registration office in each of Chatham County's eight voting districts. The locations at this time have been reported as follows:

Alfred A. Beach High School, located on Hopkins Street.

Fellwood Homes Low Rent Housing Project Community Center.

Chatham County Courthouse, located on Bull Street, across from the U. S. Post Office.

Savannah High School, 500 Washington Avenue.

Herty School, located on Skidaway Road.

Chatham County Health Center, located on Intermediate Road.

Thunderbolt Town Hall, located 2816 River Drive.

Garden City, City Hall, located 96 Main Street.

Members of the Savannah Bar Association have agreed to act as registration clerks for the program.

Free transportation will be given to any citizen in Chatham County by calling ADams 6-5727, ADams 6-5728, ADams 6-5729 or ADams 3-8127.

Hosea Williams, president of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters, said "This is one of the finest programs ever to be launched in Chatham County. I can imagine the great amount of effort it must have taken in order to materialize such a gigantic program. Some unpatriotic citizens have defined the program as a means being used by the whites of Chatham County to equalize the many new Negro voters that have been registered under the Crusade for Voters present registration drive. Irregardless to the stimulant that caused this program to be initiated, I believe in its integrity and urge every citizen living within the bounds of Chatham County above the age 17½ years to go to one of these places named above, between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M., Sunday, April 19, 1964, and join the FREEDOM NOW STRUGGLE by becoming a registered voter.

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THEY JUST WANT TO BE FREE

More than 100 Negroes line up outside of Alfred A. Beach High School waiting their turn to become New Registered Voters. The line grew larger and larger as the four registration booths inside the school constantly registered new voters frrom 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. during a Registration Sunday on April 19.

THE BALLOT BUS

The above photo shows the Chatham County Crusade for Voters Ballot Bus and its operators, Lester Hankerson and Henry Brownlee. This registration set-up is responsible for more than 1,500 new registered Negroes since the 1st of January.

Hankerson (Big Lester) and Brownlee (Trash) as co-chairmen of the Crusade for Voters' Street Corner, Bar and Pool Room Committee. They have registered hundreds of Negroes from Street Corners and on the water front. They have

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GEORGIA NEGRO TEACHERS HONOR SEGREGATIONISTS

FLORIDA NEGRO TEACHERS HONOR INTEGRATIONISTS

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ST. AUGUSTINE--WHITE MAN'S HEAVEN--BLACK MANS HELL

After spending nine days during the Easter Holidays in St. Augustine, Florida, there was no doubt in my mind that St. Augustine was not only the oldest city in America, but one of its most UN-American.

I saw more than 300 American citizens drug off to jail like common criminals, that had truly committed no crime according to the constitution of the United States of America. I saw little children from the ages of 13 up jailed with the use of cow prods and police dogs. I saw whites, blacks, old, young, rich and poor drug off to jail by the power structure of St. Augustine, Florida which is dominated by the John Birch Society and the Klu Klux Klans.

I don't think I will ever forget the charm of Mrs. Malcolm Peabody, wife of an Episcopal Bishop, daughter of the founder of one of America's greatest colleges and mother of the present governor of the State of Massachusetts, drug off to jail like a common criminal. I remember Mrs. John Burges, wife of the only Negro Episcopal Bishop, being taken into custody by the segregationist and put behind bars. Mrs. Donald J. Campbell, wife of an Episcopal Bishop was also jailed in St. Augustine, Florida for committing no crime.

Mrs. Burges was jailed because she was a Negro and Mrs. Peabody and Mrs. Campbell were jailed because they were whites being friendly to Negroes.

I was jailed because I led the demonstration. A demonstration against one of the world's most grievious sins, segregation. I did not allow myself to go to jail the first time I went into St. Augustine because my knowledge of Non-Violent Direct Action Programs were of a greater asset to the movement on the outside of the jail than my body would have been behind those stinking bars.

The white power structure of St. Augustine called me an outsider. They called me an outsider because I don't own property and live within the confines of St. John's County. They do not understand that I am a Negro and I realize I am not free until every Negro, or in fact every man upon God's Earth is FREE. They don't seem to realize that they are brutally destroying God's children because they are black. Due to the fact they are destroying these people because they are black, they are destroying me also because I am black.

I am very happy that I had a chance to go to jail in St. Augustine, Florida because I learned something worthwhile knowing. I had a vision, a vision that explained to me "Now Is The Time." A vision that told me "America has but little time."

Unless the Negroes of this nation move, and move today, with the help of right-thinking white people, America is going to find herself encrouched in the iron clad fists of visiousness. A fist that is screwed onto the arm milisiousness that extends from the body of the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society that is having its filthy garbage being done by the Klu Klux Klans.

St. Augustine, Florida has been long known for its conservatism, but of recent months

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MARCHING ON TO FREEDOMLAND

Sunday, April 19, the Chatham County Crusade for Voters were responsible for stimulating and encouraging 1,762 Negroes in Chatham County to register to vote.

The Sunday registration campaign was under the sponsorship of Savannah's Press Club. The Savannah Bar Association members volunteered their time and served as registration clerks.

Eight registration places were set up between the hours of 1:00 and 6:00 P.M. Two of the eight places were located in predominately Negro neighborhoods. Although Negroes registered at all of the eight places, crowds were in line from 1:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. at the two places in the predominately Negro neighborhoods.

The Chatham County Crusade for Voters kicked off a registration campaign in Chatham County the first of January with a slogan "FREE IN 64 with 6,000 MORE." During the months of January, February and March, the CCCV averaged about 1,300 new registered voters per month.

The registration campaign is a part of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters, Voter Education Program. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Parent Body of the CCCV, was able to secure a voter registration loan for the Chatham County Crusade for Voters from the Southern Regional Council, Voter Education Project. The drive has included area workers, street and bar workers, low rent housing project workers, adult citizenship school workers, court house workers, organizations and businesses were also canvassed and involved in the voter registration drive.

The CCCV Drive was stimulated by a group of Northern students during the month of March from Northern Illinois University. The integrated group of northern students were made up of eight whites, two Negroes and two foreigners. Included in the white delegation were a peace corps veteran and a college chaplain who gave moral guidance to the registration drive. The northern students were given territories in Chatham County which included low rent housing projects and Savannah's Hard Core Slum Areas.

The Chatham County Crusade for Voters have been able to register so many Negroes, it was believed by many that registration of Negroes had begun to "scrape the bottom of the barrel." But, the amount of Negroes that showed up for registration on Sunday, April 19th, proved that there are thousands of Negroes still unregistered that are eligible to become registered, but have not taken the time to do so.

The Savannah Press Club and the Savannah Bar Association had agreed to utilize Sunday, April 26th as a follow-up Sunday for Voter Registration. After debating and discussing the validity of the follow-up Sunday, the responsible parties decided to hold a follow-up Saturday, May 2nd. The CCCV have vowed to register no less than 2,000 additional new voters on the make-up Saturday.

A successful make-up Saturday, May 2nd, for the Chatham County Crusade for Voters would put the Negro vote well over 21,000 in Chatham County. This would be the largest number of Negroes ever to register in the history of Chatham County.

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crimination of geographical, racial or confessional bound aries.

Mr. Benjamin Van Clarke, a twenty year old student who has been in jail 23 times for various civil rights demonstrations, is a hallmark of the

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unpretentious man conscientiously absorbed in the task of friendship.

Hence our group traveled as judged persons, not so concerned as to telling people how to live, but rather under judgment of our own inadequacies, distortions and limitations, conscientiously absorbed in the task of friendship.

The group worked directly in the campaign to register Negroes in order that they might vote. Much of the four days spent in Savannah included going from business to business, bar to bar, and home to home talking to people about the hope that was theirs with the ballot.

After an orientation period on Sunday evening, we began our field work on Monday morning. The approach was to canvass the streets and alleys in order to reach the people. That day over 50 persons passed the literacy test which is required in the State of Georgia and registered to be eligible to vote. The procedure was much the same for the rest of the week. As important, if not more so, than how many were registered due to the group's efforts, is the impact we had on the community as a whole, in seeing the Negro and the white work together for freedom. The Savannah Police switchboards were busy all week.

The Crusade For Voters in Savannah is committed to a policy of refraining to "go out into the streets" but rather to take advantage of the most effective weapons that they possess: the negotiating table and the ballot. The first choice of the Crusade For Voters seems to be to demonstrate with the ballot rather than with street marches. However, open street demonstrations, boycotts and sit-ins must, of course, be considered as ever present possibilities. That is their right and moral obligation.

Negotiation is a reality in Savannah. There are currenly nine bi-racial committees directly involved. There are Negroes on the Public Library Board, the Civil Defense Commission, the Auditorium Committee, the Recreation Commission, and the City Planning Commission. Signs denoting segregation have been removed. The golf course, airport, library, courthouse, city auditorium, as well as the police and fire departments, are all integrated.

The accomplishments of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters seem to show the trademark of a well planned and well established organization, based on the political and economic realities of the struggle for freedom. Negroes must become politically minded in Savannah. To be sure, we encountered much apathy and ignorance concerning what it meant for a person to vote. Replies like "I am too old," "Why don't you register for me?," "It doesn't do any good, does it?," "No thanks, I can't afford it," and "I'm just too sick today," were heard all too often. Educational problems meeting the needs in these situations are going to have to be encountered if any but the middle class Negro is to register in mass numbers. Social change is inevitable. The only undetermined factor is the manner in which this change is to be brought about. Injustices exist in the courts and at the voter registration desks, but in many respects Savannah is the very harbor of what may and must be done when conscience prevails.

In general, we found the welcome in Savannah to be cordial. Conversations took place with Mayor Malcolm Maclean, Police Chief Robert Ryan and Victor H. Mulling, Associate Judge of Savannah's Municipal Court. Differences were expressed and feelings were honest, but of paramount importance is the fact that discussion took place. This would have probably been impossible in other cities, North and South.

Mr. Stephen Kosloff, journalism student at the University, recorded these conversations with these three men. Judge Mulling said, "The Negro should not be concerned with voter registration but in illegitimacy and juvenile delinquency among themselves. White people do not want to associate with low moral Negroes." Mulling added that the Negro problem in the Savannah area is mostly economic and somewhat educational. "Savannah business opposes competition from new industries and businesses. This maintenance of the status quo and vested interest limits job opportunities for the Negro. It decreases his economic caliber," he said.

"The mayor of Savannah, Malcolm Maclean, has proven to be a friend of the Negro in Savannah," according to Mr. Hosea Williams. When the N.I.U. group talked to Mayor Maclean he said that the Negro should not try to force himself into the white community but should try to elevate his position to be readily acceptable.

Savannah police chief, Robert Ryan, stated that there were 28 Negro policemen on his police force of nearly 250 men. He said that Savannah had one of the best police departments in the South. "Juvenile delinquency is no more a problem in Savannah than any where else, and Negro demonstrations have not proven to be too much of a problem," he said. "We have only had to use tear gas twice to end demonstrations and this was last summer," he added. Ryan said that there was a city ordinance restricting demonstrations in Savannah and that a permit was required to march or picket. Even, with a permit marchers are limited to two posters and persons per block.

Highlights of the trip for the group included observing a Klu Klux Klan rally in Atlanta on Palm Sunday. Jeremiah X, a leader in the Black Muslim movement, arrived on the scene only to be ejected by the security guard of the Klan. A short time later the Atlanta police force who were serving as a buffer zone between the onlookers and the Klan forcefully brought the Black Muslim back into the area and, in effect, stated that he could remain there if he so desired. In a dramatic move the police were forcing integration.

The group later in Savannah was the object of much bitterness and sarcasm from the white community at the fact that a basically white group would be actually eating, talking, and walking the streets with Negroes. Complete unbelief was encountered when it became clear that we were in Savannah for apparently one basic purpose: to help in the voter registration drive. Undoubtedly the group's presence meant to many whites a direct threat to their role as the oppressor. It is to be made clear, however, that other whites with whom the group also had conversation were very honest in expressing their genuine concern for the total problems of Savannah. We were accused of "degrading ourselves," of "merely trying to just show off," and of "being low down white trash who were going just too far." The Negroes in Savannah, who were somewhat confused at first at our presence, soon opened wide their hearts and their homes to the group. Housing was provided by people directly involved in the registration campaign.

On Palm Sunday morning within the time span of a few hours we were as a biracial group both welcomed and rejected. We were asked to leave two restaurants in Chattanooga. Shortly thereafter we were very openly welcomed in the First Methodist Church of Dalton, Georgia. The minister and many of the congregation made it quite clear that they were very happy to have us. We felt this was due to the attitude we brought to the situation. At no time were our purposes to integrate that church. Rather, we went to the steps of the church seeking a place to worship. The group felt that it was this attitude of consideration for the concerns and anxieties of the people in Dalton which contributed heavily toward making this an affirmation of our belief in the "Holy Catholic Church." Integration that morning evolved smoothly and naturally and not forcefully.

At every moment during the eight day experiment in living together, we were constantly reminded of our own and of our world's ironic and caustic nature. We experienced both sarcasm and freely given love, alienation and reconciliation, callousness and forgiveness, despair and hope.

Pickets, boycotts and street marches are not happy thoughts. However, the moment in which we live is not determined by geographical, racial or confessional boundaries. We are seized by a life we may not have wanted, may not have deserved, but may not deny. The racial injustices of our time are symptoms of man's alienation from himself, from his neighbor and from his God. The judgment has been given. Man hates. Man corrupts. Man destroys.

But the promise for something better has been given. We may live in love. Even within us there are the possibilities for love. Our response to the givenness of love is our response to the Christ event. The Christ event tells us of the promises and possibilities of love. There may be love. There may be love even among men.

In addition, the social structures of our time dictate to us that change will not be brought about except by force or by pressure. Time does not cure all things. Man does not just

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Just two weeks ago, the Georgia Teachers Education Association held their 1964 Annual State Convention in disgrace.

Why? Because — they invited Senator Herman Talmadge of Georgia (not of America) to be their main speaker. As W. W. Law, president of the NAACP said "Talmadge delayed an attempt to try to talk the civil rights bill to death for two days because his colored teachers in Georgia wanted him to make their Annual Address." Herman Talmadge did just that, spoke for the Negro teachers in Atlanta, Georgia and returned to Washington to do his damndest to kill the civil rights bill.

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AND — to add injury to an insult, the Georgia Teachers Education Association also invited the Lieutenant Governor of Georgia, Mr. Peter Zack Geer to speak during their convention. Well, it's not hard to tell, that Convention was a White Man's Heaven and Black Man's Hell. None of the state officials will accept the responsibility and honor for making these "condemn your race mistakes" But, if you were not even there, it was easy to see some of Georgia's highly educated leaders, Uncle Tomned somewhere.

On last week end, the Negro teachers in Florida held their Annual Convention at the Bay Front Auditorium in Miami, Florida. Their speakers included men similar to Slater King of Albany, Ben Clarke of Savannah, Georgia, Wesley Law of Savannah, Georgia, Jessie Hill of Atlanta, Georgia, Bill Randall of Macon, Georgia and the late Medgar Evers of Mississippi.

Dr. Robert Haylene, Nationally known Integrationist and Freedom Fighter of St. Augustine, Florida was flown to Miami by the Teachers Association and given their top honor of the year.

How can the Uncle Toms in Georgia maintain control of such vast majority of the Georgia resources after Freedom Fighting Negroes in Georgia have won so many victories in Savannah, Albany, Columbus, Macon, Atlanta, Augusta and many other Georgia towns?

Negro youth in Georgia should never forget how their teachers walked over a picket line to hear Herman Talmadge and Peter Zack Geer, two of the souths greatest segregationists.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

April 17, 1964

Dear Hosea,

The Northern Illinois University "Nine" have safely returned to the sanctity of their campus. Since our return we have given a program open to all the students. Our program was centered around our group's trip south and the learning experience that ensued. All of the individuals making the trip are much more aware of conditions and problems in southern cities. The trip for each of them was an unforgettable experience and will, to some extent, change, for the better, their entire lives.

As for myself, I was neither shocked nor amazed by my findings, only factfully enlightened. As I mentioned to you in Savannah and only this morning had occasion to mention to 25 ladies in a PTA executive meeting, the eyes of numerous nations the world over are turned upon Savannah and elsewhere concerning civil rights and equality. The days of local, state and even national setting of limits for the extent the effects of problems will reach are past. We have moved into a world community. Few people are aware of the challenges of world community living. We have moved through the periods of cold diplomatic interaction between governments, government to government and now finally getting around to people to people. The only way to really get to know and even more importantly, to understand, peoples of varying cultures and societies both nationally and internationally is to rub elbows with each other in the most informal situations. So it was that nine NIU faculty and students had the opportunity to see and feel for themselves the situation that we formerly knew about only by reading our paper but which now we know from actual experiences.

Our stay in Savannah was an extremely good one. The learning situations you arranged for us were good. We were all appreciative of being able to live and work in the negro community. Without a doubt many more influences and factors came in play because of our various activities than we at that time were aware of. I want to thank you personally for introducing me to Fred Baldwin. He is certainly a tremendous fellow and my conversations with him were both stimulating and enlightening. Plus that, his wife is a great cook!

Your work is extremely important. The dedication and drive you are exhibiting in directing voter registration and in general civil rights activities is something for which you deserve much praise and even more importantly, much encouragement. I well remember my own utter sense of frustration and total rejection in helplessness many times when the results of my tireless efforts failed to manifest themselves. Always I was able to console myself in the way at least my personal life reached out and touched others. When I could climb to the proper perspective I could see that my little bit was only a bit of the gigantic organism advocating change for progress. Certainly you have affected many lives and you can be proud of your achievement. Also of course you have helped in providing the stimulus that has shaken the moth eaten conscience of this nation. Your leadership in a safe and sane, orderly, progressive movement to establish justice and equality has marked you as a man among men.

As of yet I have made no decision concerning plans for the summer. I would like to spend my summer in Savannah but my financial situation is tight.

Please remember me to Ben and all the great personalities we met and worked with. Again thanks for all Hosea. Best of luck to you and your family and to the excellent movement you head.

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young Negro in the South today. In a speech given to some 100 Negroes attending a citizenship seminar in Dorchester, Georgia, he stated, "Savannah is the most integrated city in Georgia, perhaps in all the

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REDEEMING THE SOUL OF AMERICA

The above photo shows several crusaders standing proudly after a days victory. These are some of the workers that were responsible for registering over 1,700 Negroes in Chatham County Sunday, April 19 between 1:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. The convertible is one of eight, used by the Chatham County Crusade for Voters to give free rides to the registration offices. Each convertible carried along two beautiful young ladies to offer encouragement to many apathetic Negroes. Several stories were told concerning approaches made to non-registered voters, that at first refused to accept the opportunity to go register and vote. But, after a charming word from the young ladies, the non-registered voters changed their minds and jumped in the convertible and away to the registration office.

The Jeep, left, was used to carry speakers that played a tape recording of several registration speakers and also to hold neighborhood registration rallies. The Jeep was loaned to the Chatham County Crusade for Voters by one of Savannah's Used Car Dealers. The body of the Jeep was pink, a canvas top of pink and green frills with upholstery made of lavish pink and white plastic. The loud speaker that protruded from the upper rear sides of the Jeep carried recordings of many freedom songs.

Hosea Williams, director of the Voter Registration Drive said "out of all the things we had working for us, the Jeep was greatest." The Jeep was parked in neighborhoods at conspicuous points. A speaker would begin speaking while freedom singers sang freedom songs. Within a period of a very short while crowds would assemble.

The Jeep also carried a series of Freedom Fighter speeches recorded by Hosea Williams and Benjamin V. Clarke into every nook and corner of Chatham County. Williams and Clarke stayed up all night Saturday, April 18, cutting the two hour tape.

The Jeep, loud speaker system and tape recorder will also be used this coming Saturday May 2nd during Chatham County's Make-Up Day Registration Drive by the Chatham County Crusade for Voters during its attempt to register 2,000 additional new registered voters.

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The accusation of being outside agitators, the possibility of being arrested, the unabashed fear of the unknown and the sense that we were very much a part of something greater than ourselves were all very evident on Saturday, March 21, as under the sponsorship of the Wesley Foundation at Northern Illinois' University, an integrated group of nine persons left DeKalb, Illinois, for Savannah, Georgia. We had been invited to work with the Chatham County Crusade For Voters to participate in the local voter registration campaign. As Associate Minister of the University Methodist Church — Wesley Foundation at Northern Illinois University, I was the director of the group.

The Crusade For Voters is a campaign to register more than 6,000 potential Negro voters. Mr. Hosea Williams is director of the Crusade which is an affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is the President of the S.C.L.C.

Our reasons for going South were varied. First of all, *we were invited by* Southerners, Negroes to be sure, but nevertheless by Southerners. Secondly, we wanted to explore for ourselves a specific direct involvement movement in the current civil rights crises. Thirdly, we were attempting to discover who we, ourselves, actually are in relationship to the ethical revolution in which we feel involved.

The group traveled as ugly Americans, in reference to the William J. Lederer - - Eugene Burdick novel of the same name. The surprise of the novel, *The Ugly American*, evolves around his identity. He was, as some people do not understand, the hero of the piece. He was a man who personally shattered many negative propaganda images of "The American" and who established honest relationships on a telling person basis. The major character in the novel was called ugly for the very reason that he did not conform to the glamour image of "The American," and was in fact a plain,

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unbelievable injustices have been heaped upon the Negroes of St. John's county. Injustices that make the Hitler's Gestapos look like Sunday School boys.

On the 22nd of January, Mr. Charles Brunson lost his automobile. It was set afire and burned to a total lost. Why? because Mr. Brunson's children are among the six Negroes in St. John's county that attend integrated schools. In fact, the car was burned outside of the Fullerwood School, while Mr. Brunson attended a P.T.A. meeting inside of the school's auditorium.

Father Louis Mitchell, priest of an Episcopal Church in Daytona Beach, testified before the Florida Advisory Committee to the U. S. Civil Rights Commission that St. Augustine, Florida was another Birmingham, Alabama. The Florida Advisory Committee to the U. S. Civil Rights Commission suggested that the $350,000 in Federal funds to be spent at St. Augustine to promote its 400th Centennial Celebration during the year of 1965 be haulted. This recommendation was made due to the un-Godliness of St. Augustine, Florida.

On February 11, the home of Bungon Robinson was burned to the ground. Bungon Robinson is the father of two children that attend St. Augustine's integrated (token) school. Several attempts were made by the KKK to burn down Mr. Robinson's home. All attempts had failed but the last attempt was successful. No arrests were ever made.

Last October, the 23rd gasoline-filled bombs were thrown at Negro homes. Mr. Robinson's home was one of those. Fortunately the gasoline bombs set fire to the house were quickly extinguished.

The other home was owned by Mr. George Smith. The bombs were quart beer bottles, filled with gasoline and home fashioned wicks were used to ignite the gasoline. The police reported no arrests were ever made.

On September 7th of last year, Rev. Eubanks was beaten by St. Augustine police with electric cattle prods because he observed a freedom rally at the city's old slave market. After being beaten with the electric prods, Rev. Eubanks was arrested for assault and jailed by the police.

On October 29th white hoodlums declared open house on Negroes. Negro places in the West side of St. Augustine were riddled with shotgun blasts. Two night spots, a market and homes in the Negro section were blasted by shotgun and rifle fire. Fortunately, no one was seriously wounded. The gun fire occurred around 10:30 P.M. A live hand grenade was thrown at one of the Negro places but the explosive failed to go off. There were numbers of Negro patrons in the places but they fell to the floor when the firing began. Cars parked outside were riddled with buckshots. An army ordnance team of Jacksonville, Florida reported that the hand grenade was alive and that the pin had been pulled, but due to a miracle, the grenade failed to explode.

On July 6th of last year, Dr. Robert Haylene, leader of the St. Augustine Freedom Now Movement, had his home and car shot up by white hoodlums for the first time. Edward Anderson, a visitor at the Haylene home was shot in the foot by one of the bullets. Dr. Haylene immediately reported to police that white youth had passed his home and poked out shot guns and rifles and blasted away. Police found a shotgun and another gun in a car of a group of white youth, but no convictions were ever made.

On February 9th of this year, Dr. Haylene's home was riddled with buckshots and rifle shots. Inside of his home was his three children and pregnant wife. The white hoodlums took the privilege of shooting up the front of the house beginning at the top of the door and riddling the bullets down to the floor. The only casualty was the Haylene's house dog. Police made no arrests, but continued to say Dr. Haylene is a trouble maker. He is accused of being a trouble maker because he suggests freedom for the Negro people of St. John's county.

On February 9th of this year, a Negro's home was burned to the ground and another was riddled with buckshots.

Last November 6th, Dr. Robert Haylene, leader of the St. Augustine Freedom Now movement and three other Negroes were caught and beaten near death by the Klu Klux Klansmen. An imposter among the klansmen pleaded for the life of the four Negroes, was the only reason they were not murdered. After the Negroes were beaten and left to die, the imposter notified the county sheriff who was already aware of what had happened. The Negroes were taken into custody, given medical treatment and charged with assault and battery. Later the Negroes were convicted for assault and battery upon the klansmen. Charges were levied against four of the klansmen who were arrested by the local sheriff but immediately allowed to be bailed out. Within a short while a six-man jury acquitted the klansmen of assault and battery and even though the Negroes bore scars before the judge and jury that they were nearly murdered.

One of the most communistic, un-American, un-Christian and damnable things I witnessed in St. Augustine, Florida was the release of four young teenagers who had spent six months behind prison bars for picketing. These youths were convicted by a St. Augustine jury and sent to the county jail for more than 49 days, then transferred to Mariana and Ocala State Correction Institutions where they remained for six months before the governor of Florida pardoned them.

After being arrested in St. Augustine, Florida with the use of cattle prods and police dogs, I was lodged in the county jail along with the other demonstrators. We were thrown into stinking jail cells with thieves, murderers, and other criminals and given mattresses to sleep on metal bunk beds. We were charged with being an undesirable guest, conspiracy and trespassing.

I will return to St. Augustine again this week, to fight for my freedom and the freedom of all mankind. I will continue going into St. Augustine until we are free or dead. It reminds me so much of the battlefront in Germany. *(Story to be continued in the next issue of the CRUSADER.)*

NORTHERN STUDENTS

get better and better. Love is not brought into the world by an evolution but rather by a revolution. The Christ event did not evolve from what had gone before. But rather, it was a radical departure from what had existed. We are called to revolutionize with love and compassion as well as being under judgment of our own inadequacies, distortions and limitations. We are called to live a life of love without dis-

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example's always clear;
And the best of all the preach-
ers are the men who live
their creeds,
For to see the good in action
is what everybody needs.
I can soon learn how to do it,
if you'll let me see it done.
I can watch your hands in ac-
tion, but your tongue too
fast may run.
And the lectures you deliver
may be very wise and true,
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The movement continues to move in Mississippi! a series of Freedom Days at which local citizens gather at county courthouses across the state in large numbers to attempt to register to vote has been undertaken since the beginning of the year. Freedom days have occurred at Hattiesburg, Canton, and Greenwood so far. One is planned at McComb, Mississippi next.

The Freedom Days have had the effect of stimulation and motivation for action in Mississippi which direct action has produced in other places. Greenwood held a second "freedom day" today at which time 17 ministers and local people were arrested as they attempted to picket the courthouse. The Mississippi state legislature has passed and the Governor has signed into law a bill prohibiting picketing or mass demonstrations in such a manner as to obstruct or interfere with free ingress or egress to and from any public premises, State property, county or municipal courthouses, city halls, office buildings, jails, or other buildings or property owned by the state of Mississippi or any county or municipal government located therein or thereon. But this has not intimidated all the people. It was challenged today in Greenwood and the people who were locked up were released.

The citizenship teachers have entered politics to attempt to change this situation. Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer of Ruleville (supervisor of CEP classes in Sunflower county) is running for Congress in the second Congressional district and Mrs. Victoria Jackson Gray of Hattiesburg (supervisor of the CEP program in Forrest County) will run against Senator Stennis. This activity should help to get more Negroes to see that they should take active role in their community life. Only this week the car which Mrs. Hamer uses in her campaign stops was repossessed by the company which sold it and at present she is without reliable transportation.

Two citizenship teachers Alex Jackson and Johnnie Mathews and the president of the Greenwood citizenship club Ida Holland were jailed in today's arrests. Two children of one of the first citizenship teachers, Charles 11 and Kent Franklin 13 were arrested and held along with three other young people 11 and 12 years of age. The children were protesting along with their parents and refused to go to school in observation of "Freedom Day."

Classes continue in Oktibeha County where one teacher has been threatened by the local officials. Classes go on in Sunflower County where Mrs. Hamer lives and the home county of Senator Eastland in Bolivar County, Holmes County, Washington County, Lauderdale County, Coahoma, Madison and Leake Counties.

The above photo shows Henry (Trash) Brownlee saddling one of the two ponies paraded by the Chatham County Crusade for Voters on Sunday, April 19 when nearly 1,800 Negroes registered to vote.

The two ponies were loaned to the CCCV by a local business woman, Mrs. Inez Bellinger, to be used in encouraging Negroes to register and vote. Hosea and Andrea Williams, sons of the director of the Registration Campaign, rode the ponies throughout low rent housing projects and slum areas in order to encourage Negroes to become aware of their civic responsibilities. The ponies wore signs reading "Use Horse Sense, Register to Vote Today" crusaders.

Residents of Yamacraw Village were thrilled when one of the horses got tired of parading and decided to sit down. Andrea Williams, the rider of the horse, began crying because his horse refused to parade without a rest.

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South; but until Negroes decide to be completely free we will be slaves. We must either love freedom or not love ourselves."

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scoured the pool rooms, cafes, shine houses, restaurants, parks and playgrounds for new registered voters. five days in every week, beginning every morning at 9:00 A.M. and working in the afternoon until 4:30 P.M.

The Ballot Bus, a 1942 DeSoto, purchased for $75 and beautified for less than $25, has been given credit for bringing to the conscious of thousands of Negroes their citizenship responsibilities.

The Ballot Bus will be used to parade, remind and encourage and bring to the conscious of hundreds of Negroes their civic responsibility to come and ride to registration offices on Saturday, May 2nd. This will be make-up day for registration in Chatham County which is being sponsored by the Savannah Press Club. Three registration offices will be set up in Pooler, Chatham County Courthouse and the Tybee Town Hall to register citizens from the hours of 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Lester and Brownlee, with the use of the Ballot Bus will attempt to register 500 New Registered Voters on Saturday May 2nd. They will use the entire week seeking out non-registered voters, setting up appointments and making appearances in order to be able to utilize the entire day of Saturday, May 2nd in transporting non-registered citizens to the registration offices.

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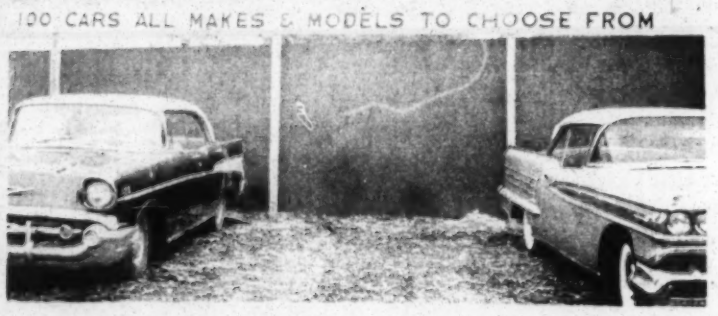

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CHATHAM COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
Jan 15 - May 2, 1964
Final Report

Chatham County, Georgia, is a haven of free, liberal people; ask any white man. It is also a "black man's hell"; ask Mr. Hosea Williams, Director and admired leader of the county's most successful voter registration drive. At the time of the campaign's beginning in mid-January, 1964, Chatham County was still smarting from a summer of non-violent direct action which helped it become even more liberal. The following table presents stastics which may outline some conditions of life in Chatham County and the city of Savannah at the time of the 1960 census, regarding employment, education, income, and housing:

	NEGRO		WHITE		TOTAL
	#	%	#	%	#
POPULATION (CHATHAM COUNTY)	64,177	34.1	124,122	65.9	188299
EMPLOYED	21,019	33.3	41,985	66.6	63,004
PROFESSIONAL (TEACHERS, NURSES, ETC.)	1,1,20	18.4	4970	81.6	6090
CRAFTSMAN, FOREMEN, ETC.	1325	15.6	7138	84.4	8463
LABORERS (EX. MINE & FARM) & PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD	8067	95.4	385	4.6	8452
SERVICE (DELIVERYMEN, JANITORS, FACTORY)	8157	47.5	9020	52.5	17177
EXPERIENCED UNEMPLOYED	1778	49.8	1793	50.2	3571
CITY & COUNTY EMPLOYEES	NO				1150
FIRE DEPARTMENT	RECORDS				200
POLICE DEPARTMENT	KEPT				200
MEDIAN YEARS SCHOOL COMPLETED	7.1		12.3		10.5
MEDIAN INCOME (INDIVIDUALS)	$ 1201		$ 3500		$ 2800
MEDIAN INCOME (FAMILIES)	$ 2732		$ 6006		$ 4860
ALL HOUSING UNITS	14452	39.0	32212	61.0	46664
SOUND	7169	21.0	26340	79.0	33509
DETERIORATING	4556	49.5	4642	50.5	9198
DILAPIDATED	2727	68.0	1231	32.0	3958

City officials are too liberal to have kept any official record, but Savannah is served by Negro firemen, policemen, and Negro employees in other capacities. The timing of the drive prevented immediate political issues from sparking interest, but by the end of the drive, three Negroes had entered the race for public office. Before January, 1964, the city of Savannah had appointed at least one Negro to every board, authority, and commission involved in government.

Concieved by Mr. Hosea Williams as a coordinated registration drive, utilizing the resources of the entire Negro community, the drive was given form at a meeting in December to which Mr. Williams had invited members of fifty different organizations in Savannah. These people were to work together as individuals and members of a Chatham County Registration Group. At the organizational meeting, Mr Herman Pride, a prominent businessman, was elected General Chairman of the drive. A director, two assistant directors, and chairmen of committees as follows were elected also: Organizations, Area Workers, Public Relations, Entertainment, Housing Projects, Parent-Teacher Associations, Churches, Businesses,& Telephone,

No gruops wrer to be officially represented, but organizational conflict arose when Mr. Wesley W. Law and the local NAACP failed to respond to an invitation to the original meeting, and when the director, one assistant director, and nine of the ten spontaneously elected committee chairmen (including Mr. Hosea Williams as Leader of Area Workers) were Executive Board members of the CCCV. Mr. Pride understood a co-ordinated drive as involving representatives from more than one organization, whether official or unoficcial, and continued to solicit the cooperation of the local NAACP as the only other major civil rights group in the community. When the NAACP refused to join the drive, Mr. Pride felt that if the CRUSADER, the official organ of the CCCV, and the VOICE OF THE CRUSADER radio program were utilized as means of publicity, the drive would become too closely associated with the CCCV and thereby lose the advantages of being co-ordinated.

Mr. Williams disagreed, feeling that any resources offered should be put to use regardless of their origin. Mr. Pride had difficulties in accepting unsolicited advice from Mr. Williams,who, while far more experienced in matters of publicity and voter registration, was officially responsible only for the performance of the Area Workers.

After three meetings, only one of which was attended by Mr. Williams, the Chatham County Registration Group gave wayto a voter registration drive by the CCCV, similar in structure, but far more vigorous in activity.

Several workers involved in the drive exhibited a dedication to their assigned tasks which bordered on leadership. These included Mr.Lester Hankerson & Mr. Henry "Trash" Brownlee, Street Corner & Bar Committee; Mrs. Margaret Mollette, Court House Worker; and Area Workers Mrs. Mable Dawson, Mrs. Rebedca Jenkins, and Mrs.

Rosa Clarke. The structure of the organization provided the means for a highly successful voter registration campaign, but did not provide an atmosphere which would promote creativity on the part of any but the Director of the drive.

The Steering Committee for the drive was simply and effictively organized with but one executive and decision-making position, that of Dire ctor who, along with a Supervisor & Secretary, a typist, and a file clerk, comprised the Headquarters Staff. The balance of the Steering Committee consisted of chairmen of the following Standing Committees: Businesses, Organizations, School & Youth, P-T A's, Churches (further divided into Baptist & Non-Baptist) Housing Projects, Street Corners, Court House, Telephone, Area Workers, Public Relations, and Entertainment. All but the School & Youth, Telephone and Area Workers were one-man committees and the latter two were chaired by the drive's Director.

The only source of funds other than those of the Voter Education Project were the results of collections taken at weekly mass meetings. These totaled throughout the drive.

The first objective of the Steering Committee was that of informing the community of the drive and soliciting their help with the work to be done. Several committees appointed to this end included the Businesses, Organizations, P-T A's, Churches, Housing Projects, nad Public Relations Committees.

The Businesses Committee telephoned and visited stores and businesses in the Negro comminuty and urged them to be responsible for the registration of all employees and their families. The committee, consisting of a chairman and two helpers also secured transportation to the court house for a "few" employees.

Another committee was responsible for contacting various existing community organizations and urging them to set up Political Action Committees which would in turn take charge of registering the entire membership of the group. No report was received as to the number or effectiveness of the committees organized.

A committee assigned to Parent-Teachers' Associations, manned only byy its chairman, began in December to contact P-TA's in various schools to suggest that they appoint a Citizenship Chairman in each school who would then organize area workers to canvass the area served by the school. A Mothers' March on the night of April 19 was proposed to the groups, but the P-TA Chairman did not investigate its execution or results in each case.

The churches of Savannah were divided into two more manageable and almost numerically equal groups; Baptist and Non-baptist. Each group was assigned to a minister who contacted the pastor of each church personally and urged gim to appoint one member of each organization within the church to a political action committee which would see that all memvers were registered to vote before May 2, 1964. The committees were asked to report to the CCCV office

of their problems and successes. Some did.

Political Action Committees were also encouraged through a woman assigned to Housing Projecto. In each project, a meeting was held during which the committees were set up and instructed to recruit blockworkers to canvass the project. Leaflets were distributed through these meetings, and announcements forwarded to other groups.

Mrs. Bernita Darby, a local radio personality, worked with the Director in handling Public Relations for the drive. She held interviews of all outside speakers for mass meetings, and on her regular weekly radio program, as well as constant announcements of the progress of the drive and encouragements to her listeners to register and help with the crusade. Mrs. Darby also spent from 10 to 15 hours per week assisting with office work and served diligently throughout the drive as General Flunky and Chauffeur to the Director and office staff.

The CRUSADER newspaper, copies of which are enclosed, was devoted generously to the publicity and promotion of the drive from November until the end of the drive. In addition, the VOICE OF THE CRUSADER, the Director's half-hour Saturday morning radio program, was involved in informing the public of the condition of Savannah's Negro population, and of the benefits to be derived from registering and voting. Praise was also given to outstanding registration workers and SCLC's local Citizenship Training Schools were publicized for those who feared that they lacked the skills required to vote.

Other means of publicity included:
-Leaflets written and printed in most cases by the Director and distributed by canvassers and through churches.
-Announcements from church pulpits.
-Bumper stickers printed by SCLC and given out at mass meetings, to businesses, and organizations.
-Buttons worn and distributed by canvassers and "I am a registered voter" buttons given out at the court house by a crusader.
-Speakers sent from CCCV to Citizenship classes and other groups.
-Signs painted on the sides and top of the Ballot Bus.
-Citizenship films shown to groups by Mr. Al Rivers, another capable and dedicated General Flunky and Utility Man.

The motivation of the community through mass meetings was begun long before the actual kick-off of the registration drive. The Rev. Andrew J. Young spoke in Savannah on December 8, 1963, and the Rev. C. T. Vivian spoke December 22. On January 16, ,964, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. addressed a mass meeting which officially began the CCCV voter registration drive. The city auditorium, with a capacity of 2,000, was filled to overflowing with citizens who were asked to volunteer to help in any position they chose with the campaign. Several hundred were signed as block, telephone, and other workers. These volunteers failed to support the effort as expected, and by mid-February another mass meeting was planned in the hope that the community would be further motivated to participate in the drive. Thereafter, a weekly mass meeting was hel

held and outside speakers were invited from time to time to maintain civic interest and co-operation in the drive. Below is the schedule of dates and corresponding speakers who helped to activate the community:

-February 16..Mrs. Septima P.Clark, Assistant Director of SCLC's Adult Citizenship Schools
-February 19 the Rev. A.D. King, Birmingham pastor, and civil rights worker.
-February 23 Miss Annelle Ponder, SCLC Field Secretary in the Mississippi Delta
-March 4 Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Atlanta homemaker and songstress
-March 8 Mrs. Dorothy Cotton, Staff member of SCLC working with the Adult Citizenship School
-March 18 the Rev. C. T. Vivian, SCLC's Director of Affiliates

The Chatham County Crusade for Voters office was manned throughout the drive by two paid secretaries, the Director, and the Supervisor. Area Workers and others who happened into the office were often immediately utilized as volunteers.

During preparatory stages of the drive, the Director divided the community into eight areas and assigned each to an Area Worker. Many of these workers were experienced in other registration drives and all were ladies known and trusted in their neighborhoods and known to the director as willing workers. Those who were new to the crusade were given training and practical experience ("...and don't come back 'til you have ten new voters!") before the drive began. Area Workers were in most instances motivated by the charm of the Director, and were equipped with leaflets pointing out the practical advantages of securing the power of the ballot, that they might better motivate citizens to become registered and spread word of the drive . During the mass meeting of January 16, addressed by Dr. King, cards were distributed and returned with names of several hundred citizens who had been moved to volunteer their support of the drive, most in the capicity of blockworker. In the following days, each Area Worker received the names of those ladies in her area who had offered help. Repeated attempts to involve these prospective blockworkers in the campaign produced an estimated ten actual canvassers. The Area Workers, then, were responsible for the actual surveying of their areas, for which they were subsidized in in proportion to the effectiveness of their surveying. They visited each house, determined the nimber of unregistered occupants, and urged them to become registered, offering to solve any problems that might be encountered, including transportation, babysitting, literacy training, and occasionally, the lending of suitable clothing. In most instances, a notation was made of families not home and return visits were made and names of persons who felt their reading or writing were insufficient were passed on to Citizenship School Teachers. Problems such as a group of Jehovah's Witnesses who claimed that their religion prohibited their registration, and other hostile citizens, were ignored in favor of the large numbers of people who would be willing to register but didn't realize they could do so. Several people were given sampleliteracy tests to study for a few days after which their Area Worker made another call and provided transportation to the court house. One Area Worker,

who also served as a Citizenship Teacher, encouraged those students who were unable to read or write to help with canvassing and see that their neighbors were registered, and another' worker's 74-year-old grandmother was unable to walk and spent her days on the telephone checking o n people who had promised to register.

The job of the Area Workers was supplemented by several other committees and groups who also contacted segments of the public and motivated them to register to vote. These included a group of student volunteers, and the Telephone, Street Corners, Etc., Entertainment, and School & Youth Committees.

After an exchange of letters between Mr. Hosea Williams and the Rev. Kenneth Carder of Northern Illinois University, seven students and two faculty members from that institution spent their spring vacation in Savannah where they aided the CCCV drive by canvassing, recruiting workers, and helping with office work.

The Telephone Committee, originally chaired by a local housewife, was administered and its duties executed through the office of the Director of the drive. Telephone workers were responsible for making appointments for transportation of citizens to the court house as well as contacting those people who had been canvassed to verify their pledge to become registered voters.

The Street Corners, Bar, Pool Room, Alleyway, Barber & Beauty Shop, Shinehouse, Buzzard Roof (local meeting place of day workers), Slum, and Such Places Committee, co-chaired and manned by Mr. Lester "Big Lester" Hankerson and Mr. Henry "Trash" Brownlee, also proved to be one of the most effective operations involved in the drive. Working during the hours the registration office was open, the committee borrowed cars and went about its assigned territory persuading citizens to go to register Right Now. A 1951 Dodge was purchased in February for the committee's use through mass meeting contributions and was immediately equipped and painted with signs declaring it to be the Crusade's official Ballot Bus. When the Street Corners, Etc. Committee came upon a person who couldn't qualify to register, his name and address were given to the Citizenship School, and most were registered before the May 2 deadline. The success of the committee can be mainly attributed to the local popularity of its co-chairmen, who had been known and respected throughout the territories covered for some time before the drive. Big Lester and Trash first became involved in the Freedom Movement during the demonstrations and subsequent jailings of the summer of 1963. They continued to help the Chatham County Crusade for Voters in various ways until the voter registration campaign began and their committee was organized at the suggestion of Mr. Hosea Williams.

The Entertainment Committee made arrangements for receptions and dinners for the guest speakers at mass meetings. She also planned socials and block parties to discuss voter registration and encourage prople to see that their neighbors were registered , and to take a friend with them on their trip to the court house. In addition, the committee helped with office, transportation, and telephone work.

Mr. Ben Clarke and the youth of Chatham County began early to plan a March for the Ballot through which 500 high school students could canvass the entire city of Savannah for a goal of 1,000 new voters. The drive was scheduled for Sunday night, March 1, 1964, when the people of the community were asked to leave their porch lights on to welcome the Youth Crusaders. Names were to be taken and transportation arranged for Monday, March 2. The organization for the March consisted of Director Ben, a Chairman, Chief Agitator, and chairmen of committees listed with their respective duties:

-Area Directors(12) - to recruit canvassers for each area
-Church Youth Organizations - to instigate drives within churches
-youth Organizations - to raise money, to throw one big ball for all groups (social clubs, frats, etc.)
-Leaflets - to secure and distribute "a whole gob" and also to be responsible for radio and church announcements.
-Transportation - to line up cars and drivers for Monday
-Contact - to sustain communication between Area Directors, Block Captains, and March Officials
-Telephone and Office Staff - to busy themselves wherever necessary
-Entertainment - to plan a mass talent show, including a Twist For Freedom Contest--cancelled due to bad weather, never rescheduled.

The Youth Crusaders sponsored a Citizenship Day February 12, that all high school students might become registered, and on February 22, a Freedom Day, proclaimed by the mayor as well as the CCCV, and directed at all unregistered persons. The enclosed memorandum to Area Directors will explain their work and the various Operations involved in preparing for the March. A parade to publicize the March was also planned and organized, but cancelled when it was learned that high school bands and instruments could not be used. As the first of March approached, it was decided that the "organizational structure was weak in terms of manpower" and that Sunday was a bad night to expect any heavy support by students, and when the night threatened foul weather,the March was postponed. Immediately Mr. Hosea Williams proposed a bet to the Youth whereby they were challenged to register 500 people within six days, with the loser to receive 20 whacks to be administered in the streets of Savannah. By the end of the prescribed time, the Youth Crusaders ahd added 432 names to the books, but fortunately Mr. Williams was out of town at the time and the consequence is yet to be paid.

To recruit support from high schools without offending the school administrators politically, an Inter-school Panhellenic Council was named and secured speaking engagements for various Youth Crusaders through Social Science Departments. In addition, bus fare was provided for high school students wishing to register.

The actual registration process, however, presented far more serious obstacles than the preceeding publicity and canvassing. In reporting her observations at the Chatham County Court House, Mrs. Margaret Mollette recorded the following instances of discrimination on the part of personnel at the registrar's window:

-1-16-64 Lady moved from another Georgia county four years ago was told she needed a transcript to register. Same day white lady in same situation was immediately registered.

2- 3- 64 Man read correctly, asked to repeat one word, made small mistake, refused registration
2- 4-64 (Several times) After cards had been read, registrar chose certain words, required definitions, frightened people, required a second reading.
2- 5-64 Lady (Mrs. Mabel Lovett) not allowed to finish reading card
2- 6-64 White man (Lucius Duncan) said he couldn't see to read, was registered without literacy test. Later told Mrs. Mollette he could "read a little"
2- 6-64 Age and date of birth inconsistant by two years; prospect refused. Whites who couldn't remember date of birth were asked age, helped to compute birth date by registrar.
2-20-64 Whites came to sign for other handicapped whites. Negroes required to sign for themselves.
2-21-64 White man with poor sight didn't read at all, shaking too much to hold pencil was taken into office and helped by registrar.
3- 5-64 Lady missed one word, was told to come back because she was too nervous
3-10-64 Two teen-age white girls taken into office ahead of Negro ladies who had been ahead of them
3-18-64 Lady read card satisfactorially, was told that she hadn't, complained, Mr. Williams interceded, registrar sent a card to the lady inviting her to come and be registered.
3-20-64 Name , address, etc. taken after literacy test failed. man told he must have an appointment to attempt to register again
4- 1-64 Registrar took whites out of long line of Negro students and registered them inside office.

Since the hours of registration (9 am to 5pm) were inconvenient for many warking people, evening hours were sought, but without success, The registrar was required by state law, however, to provide neighborhood voter registration centers. Three centers were established in conservative white neighborhoods in an attempt to hinder Negro registration. A request by Mr. Williams to secure other centers in or near Negro neighborhoods was fruitless. Only after the County Commissioner was persuaded to intercede did the registrar agree to allow people to be registered in two Negro high schools and a Negro housing project. This plan was effective for onr day per week in each place begining in March and lasting until the May 2 deadline.

A white group, the Savannah Press Club, made arrangements with the registrar's office for a Registration Sunday April 19, 1964. They met an official's objection that the effort was an obvious scheme to give whites an opportunity to register in large numbers and thereby offset the increase in Negro voters. An agreement was reached whereby eight centers would be open from 1-6:00pm in both Negro and white neighborhoods with a lawyer as registrar in each center. It was further agreed that all persons in line before 6:00pm would be registered, but prospective registrants were turned away from two Negro registration centers at 5:45pm and the Director made known the objections of the Negro community.

Mr. Margaret Mollette remained by the registrar's window during all the hours it was open and took names and addresses of those who

failed to pass the literacy test. Tesee names were submitted to teachers of Citizenship Training Schools who organized and instructed classes as they had been taught in SCLC's Teacher Training Program at Dorchester Community Center, Liberty County, Georgia, and with materials supplied by SCLC.

White newspapers devoted about 25 inches of news space to Dr. King's visit to kick off the drive in January, but thereafter never filled more than four inches of news regarding the registration drive.

The officials of Savannah and Chatham County look upon themselves as moderate liberals in the area of civil rights, and claim to make no distinction between black and white. A representative of the Savannah Personnel and Civil Service office reported that jobs and promotions are awarded on the basis of merit alone, and submitted as proof, an application for city employment - without a space for recording the applicant's race. This of course prevented an accurate count of Negro police, fire, and other city employees. Registration officials also claimed to be unconcerned with the question of race to the extent that no records were kept as to the number or percentage of registered Negroes, and unconcerned with voter registration to the point that no total is kept of registered voters in Chatham County.

Results of the drive; an accurate total of Negroes registered between January 1, and May 2, 1964, are impossible to calculate, as the Chatham County Registrar reported no count of white and Negro, and the CCCV records were incomplete. Court house worker Mrs. Mollette, kept an accurate account of all Negroes registered there between 9am and 5pm on weekdays, but there was no tally of those registered through neighborhoods or on Registration Sunday. The Registrar's office estimates an increase from 50,000 in January to 68,000 by May 2. Mr. Williams estimates 8,000 Negroes successfully registered during the drive. The drive was carried on by an estimated twelve persons and 25 volunteers. As an incentive, the subsistance of Area Workers was in proportion to the number of citizens they were responsible for registering, and buttons saying, "I Am A Registered Voter" were given to all those who traveled to the court house.

The Chatham County Crusade for Voters' 1964 Voter Registration Drive was an extremely successful campaign judging from the estimated number of new registered voters as compared to the size of the community, the number of workers, and the amount of money required. This success must be credited to a great degree to an effective, efficient, well-disciplined, and extremely dedicated corps of flunkies. If the objective of a future campaign is to be only that of registering the greatest possible number of Negroes, very few improvements could be made in the organizational design of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters.

Savannah "Crash" Drive Nets 1,013 New Vote Registrants

Atl. Sky, 3B, 5-10-64

SAVANNAH, Ga. — one - day "crash" voter registration push that netted 1,013 new Negro voters on the ballot rolls, was termed "highly successful" by W. C. Patton, NAACP field secretary for registration and voting.

Success of the effort was attributed to the resentment of Negroes to publicized reports that the white people of Savannah felt Negroes were pushing too hard and too fast.

Mr. Patton said that the one-day effort, which was under the direction of Mrs. Mercedes Wright, was just one phase of a campaign which has been in progress since March.

The NAACP aide indicated that similar "crash" efforts are being planned for other Southern cities. Other Georgia voter registration campaigns are presently under way in Athens, Brunswick, Augusta, Rome and Decatur. The one in Decatur had added more than 2,500 new voters as of April 17, Mr. Patton declared.

3-26
Savannah

May 19, 1964

Mr. Hosea Williams
458½ West Broad Street
Savannah, Georgia

RE: VEP 3-26

Dear Hosea:

When can we expect a terminal report on the highly successful campaign you recently concluded? I know that Ann Kindberg is preparing this report, but I do need information on when we will receive it.

Let us hear from you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

cc: The Rev. Andrew Young

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IN JUDGE TYLER'S carefully thought, simply put and moving discussion of the civil rights bill and its promise of American equality and amity in this *New South,* he stresses "the depth of feeling of the majority of the Negroes today" and a lamentable white inability to recognize this profound and increasingly explosive passion for freedom and "equal partnership" in our society. Judge Tyler illustrates this depth of feeling with a poignant story from his federal district court in New York in which, it seems to me, the judge emerges as appealing in his thoughtful humanity as the young Negro he gracefully described and whom he sadly sentenced.

It takes imagination, I suppose—or "identification," as everyone has ininsisted on calling it for years now—to recognize the depth of another person's or group's emotion, especially if you keep separated from them and attribute the most fanciful beatitude and bliss to them, as we're inclined to do here in the South, in spite of all they're saying and doing to dispute this fatuous dream.

In our business of race relations, though, white people don't need imagination or "identification" to know the rising anger, derision, moods and fits of hatred, and resolve, even to death, for freedom among Negroes. They just haul off and tell us about it, in case, I reckon, we don't have enough sense to discern it in the news, behold it on the streets or know it in the martyrdom of murdered Negro civil rights workers and the risk of thousands of others who, in the wilder parts of the South, keep on demonstrating, demanding and going to jail for freedom.

A young Negro revolutionary working out of Atlanta recently talked with hot-eyed, smiling and colloquially colorful anger, and quite as much re-

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The Meaning of the Civil Rights Act

By Harold R. Tyler, Jr.

SOMETIME THIS spring or summer President Johnson, it seems certain, will sign into law the third major Civil Rights Act of this century.

Like its two immediate predecessors, the Civil Rights Act of 1957 and 1960, the new law has been a long time aborning. On the whole, however, the legislative process has been on a higher level than that of the passage of its sister acts of the years 1957 and 1960. In part, this has been due to an increasing awareness on the part of the majority of Americans that the issue of civil rights or equal opportunities is a major domestic question which must be answered without much further delay. Moreover, there has been an increasing tendency in the last several years for the issue to be debated by others than pressure groups, politicians and the churches. As a people, we have become "civil rights conscious" in at least a superficial sense, but the fact remains that the majority of Americans may be unsure as to just what the new law will accomplish.

Not long ago at a civil rights meeting in Boston a perceptive Negro leader arose and asked the white participants at the meeting what it is that they would like to see accomplished most under the heading of civil rights. Without hesitation, a white member of the conference arose and said, "We just want to be left alone." Similarly, at a church meeting in Westchester County last fall, a businessman in a church discussion of civil rights problems expressed the thought, "I will be glad when Congress passes some kind of a new Civil Rights Bill so that the Negroes will be satisfied and the whites will be satisfied and we will all get on to other business."

There is a suspicion here that the thoughts implicit in these remarks lurk in the minds and hearts of millions of Americans, Negro and white. Whether or not this is so, it seems clear that the new Civil Rights Act cannot and will not be such a document as to permit American citizens throughout the land to "forget the problem" and go about other domestic business.

Briefly stated, the bill approved by a large vote in the House and now before the Senate is divided into a number of "titles" which seek to tighten up the voting provisions of the 1957 and 1960 Civil Rights Acts, to quicken the progress of school desegregation, to root out discrimination in places of public accommodation and to sanction equal employment opportunities.

Specifically, Title I seeks to beef up the 1957 and 1960 Acts' voting provisions by expediting government voting suits, proscribing discriminatory application of literacy tests and providing interim relief to qualified voters who have been the subject of discrimination at the registration booths or polling places.

Title II, the widely discussed "public accommodations" provision, would prohibit discrimination in hotels, restaurants, theaters, sports arenas and other installations which cater to interstate travelers or commerce in a substantial way, or where the discrimination or segregation in such facilities is supported by state action.

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Contrary to some opinions and reports, this title does *not* cover private clubs, athletic or social, nor does it cover entire office buildings, for example, just because an "inter-state" restaurant or sports arena is located on the main floor of such buildings. Similarly, it does not cover "Mrs. Murphy's boarding house"—i.e. any small owner-occupied rooming house—even though it may be open to interstate travelers.

Title III seeks to forbid discrimination in state or municipally controlled "public facilities" such as parks, libraries, golf courses, swimming pools and the like.

Title IV empowers the Justice Department to initiate school desegregation suits where parents of children are unable to do so or where in the considered opinion of the Attorney General the public interest demands a government sponsored suit.

Title V would extend the productive life of the United States Civil Rights Commission with its powers to investigate and report to the President and the Congress on civil rights problems.

The "cut-off" provision, Title VI, which has engendered perhaps the most resistance to date by Southern legislators, would empower federal departments and agencies to cut off funds from state and local agencies which administer federally aided programs in a discriminatory fashion. Opponents of this measure have bitterly complained that it is unconstitutional and punitive of individuals who are recipients of the federal program funds. Importantly, this provision does not apply to housing programs involving aid or assistance by means of insurance or loan guaranties, nor does it cover farm assistance programs where an individual is the recipient of price supports, acreage allotments or crop insurance. It does apply to hospitals getting federal funds, to financial aid for state employment services and to jobs on federally assisted road projects.

Finally, Title VII, popularly referred to the "FEPC" (Fair Employment Practices Commission) provision, would proscribe discrimination by employers and unions with more than 25 employees or members. To this end, it would establish a federal commission with authority to initiate suit to enjoin discrimination in employment; however, the commission would be required to resort first to negotiation and persuasion without success before beginning legal action in the courts.

As this is written, there is, of course, no assurance that all of these "titles" will be finally enacted into law. In particular, as is well known, there has been a strong resistance in Congress and elsewhere to the public accommodations, "cut-off" and FEPC titles which may be compromised or diluted, if enacted at all.

Even if all of these titles come through the Congressional crucible reasonably intact, it would be foolhardy to anticipate that the walls of discrimination throughout the country will immediately come tumbling down. Many states in the north and the west have had similar statutes or rules in effect for years, some for as long as a quarter of a century, but the experience has been that such statutes do not immediately remove discrimination. Moreover, enforcement may be difficult, expensive, and time consuming, particularly where resistance is the greatest. At the present time, for example, the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, which presumably will bear the major burden of enforcement, has only some 52 lawyers available to it under current appropriations. Most of these men are already "living from a suitcase" and have been for three years or more.

Their talents, although appreciable, are already spread thin, and it is far from certain that Congress will authorize the Division much increased appropriations based on the new law. Moreover, most lawyers agree that even if enforcement personnel and resources could be enhanced, there will be a great deal of litigation, particularly with regard to the public accommodations and FEPC measures if passed.

Why, then, all the intense publicity and high hopes concerning the new law? The answer to this was put perhaps most succinctly by an official of the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division late last fall when he said that Congressional action on the new bill would be a substantial affidavit of good will and faith to our disadvantaged citizens, particularly our Negro-American citizens.

To put this slightly differently, the current crisis of discrimination or equal opportunity gives rise to an informed view that unless it is attacked by prompt and effective Congressional action, our Constitution may bend perilously close to the breaking point. Over the past decade or more, two of the three great branches of our government, the executive and judicial branches, have repeatedly spoken and acted affirmatively on many phases of civil rights. To be sure, Congress has done so too, but largely on voting rights with no conspicuous action on schools, employment and public accommodations.

More important, the peculiar ability and responsibility of Congress to protect our constitutional system cannot be gainsaid. When the Congress speaks and acts, it does so more effectively for the entire nation, certainly than the judiciary and probably than the President, in the crucial arena of our constitutional rights and obligations.

To put this viewpoint in extreme perspective, it has been reported this spring by respected columnists such as Joseph Alsop that some responsible government officials privately fear that the present bill may be the last clear chance to solve our current crisis without major and prolonged violence.

Perhaps these statements and opinions may smack of the kind offered by lawyers, public officials and civil rights leaders for the consumption of other lawyers, public officials and civil rights leaders. Certainly it can be argued that most Americans are not directly informed or concerned in their daily lives with questions of constitutional law or stresses and strains upon our constitutional fabric. For many, if not most, of us, a more practical response as to the importance of Congressional action this year may lie in the form of answers to such questions as to whether there will be more violence, will the sit-ins continue, whether there will be more marches to capitals, boycotts, human chains across busy highways and the like.

The short answer to these questions is that we will probably continue to have such events in the foreseeable future—that we will still have a "long, hot summer"—but that firm Congressional action now could be the principal starting point of their decline on the national scene.

Other questions may be asked such as whether Negro citizens will be satisfied by enactment and realistic enforcement of the new law or whether white citizens will find these events really to alter their private lives. To both of these queries the answer will probably be a qualified "no." Negro Americans, except the Muslims and similar extremists, will welcome the new law but will be understandably seeking positive recognition by all of their full and equal citizenship—something which a society and not its laws

gives in the fullest sense. As to the vast majority of white Americans, nothing in the new law will directly affect their private lives, unless they are of the myopic view that competition for jobs, schooling and use of public facilities should be based upon something other than ambition and merit. A minority of white Americans in certain areas of the country, of course, will find the new law will have a heavy impact upon them if they consider it their private right to be served by segregated public facilities, or to send their children to all-white public schools or to be members of lily white unions.

Perhaps the most immediate and far reaching results of a new law will be two. First, enactment of the bill substantially in its present form will give more flexibility to both whites and Negroes for a just and peaceful solution of the entire civil rights crisis. Perhaps it was this point that Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of NAACP, had in mind when he wrote recently that the Negro leadership must be more flexible in its thoughts and methods if the civil rights movement is not to become vulnerable. As he frankly and sensibly pointed out, the present tactics of the direct action movement raise questions "among, not our expected opponents, but among some of our own people and our potential allies." Assuming the validity of Mr. Wilkins' point, there seems substantial reason to believe that enactment of the new law will afford the Negro more flexibility in obtaining his justly desired ends of undiluted citizenship. Just as important, as Mr. Wilkins recognized, white Americans may be afforded comparable flexibility in adjusting to and achieving the same ends. With the tools afforded by the new law, it should be a great deal easier for white Americans to recognize the realities of the day and not be misled by the propaganda of segregationists and others who seek to adhere to the techniques and tactics of the last century.

The second big development will be one mentioned earlier in this article—that of "certification of faith" by all Americans in their Negro brethren. It is still extremely difficult, if not impossible, for many white Americans to recognize and understand the depth of feeling of the majority of Negroes today. Even those of us who do have some inkling of this deep emotion of the Negro often fail to comprehend that the Negro does not "want out;" he "wants in." With all his trials and tribulations over the last two centuries on the North American mainland, the Negro wants to be a full partner in America. For this, we should be eternally grateful. Thus, there is all the more reason to hope that the present bill before the Senate will go a long way in recognizing and starting to satisfy this abiding faith of the vast majority of our Negro citizens.

Recently in my court an attractive and educated young Negro was tried for failing or refusing to enter Army service upon the call of his draft board. When he took the stand in his own defense, he freely admitted that he had received due notice to report but that he had knowingly and purposely refused to take the oath of induction on the ground that it was more important to stay home and fight the domestic civil rights battle than to be available to serve in the event of trouble or war with foreign enemies. The jury, which incidentally consisted of, among others, four Negro Americans, returned a verdict of guilt. Some days later the young man appeared in a large and busy court room for sentencing before me. I informed him that I would be only too glad to suspend sentence upon him

if he would promise to appear for induction at the Army building down on Whitehall Street in New York City.

His lawyer and his mother pleaded with him to accept my suggestion. He looked at me directly, however, and replied, "I am grateful for your suggestion, Your Honor. However, I have decided that though there may well come a time when I will want to serve my country in its armed forces, I would prefer at this stage to serve my sentence and then work with other Negroes here in this country to achieve full recognition." Under the circumstances, I sadly imposed a sentence of six months' confinement. Whatever other conclusions may be drawn from this simple but revealing episode, for me it was not an untypical example of how deep the feeling of many Negroes is and how little we white Americans stop to recognize it even today. The new law, if passed by Congress, will be a substantial response to this feeling on behalf of all of us. Somehow my young defendant and many other Americans will be deeply grateful—and the road ahead will be much less difficult.

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lentless reason, of Negro plans to bring 2,000 white people into Mississippi this summer to teach reading and writing, political know-how, understanding of the law and the Constitution and open a theater to present what sounds like contemporary morality plays to arouse and inspire Mississippi Negroes. How would police and politicians take this invasion? "Just like they been taking it," he laughed, not without merriment. "They got tanks and compounds at Jackson and about doubled their police." People will get killed, he said, a lot of them white people. But, he shrugged, "we're ready to die."

For all his tough humor, scornful snorts of mirth at the role of the Christian church, and his I-can't-love-you-with-your-foot-on-my-neck school of thinking toward white people who "don't even see you, just look right through you," this young man is a seasoned veteran of some four years and 15 jailings of the Movement in the more violent pockets of the South, and I inferred he was growing a trifle impatient. Yet, after all, with even deeper feeling than anger, he was making the same profoundly religious and ultimate demand on us that James Baldwin does, that we must love one another, person by person, and as fellow humans, if we're to survive the fire.

An older, impeccably respectable and long-patient Negro leader of Birmingham, a man of courage, charm and audacious humor, described a Negro population at the boil at the recent refusal of the city administration and the "'real power structure" to accept an inter-racial committees' proposals for desegregation. He laughed, too, with a bit of abandon, at the question whether the thousands of Negroes they expect to participate in up-coming demonstrations will all be "non-violent." "Certainly not!" he answered. So we hardly dared expect the angry amateurs, so long terrorized, denied and frequently bombed and shot by unapprehended enemies or police, to continue to try to love and suffer a heedless white community into redemption, as the Movement had it a couple of years ago.

Last summer in Mississippi a Negro survivor of beatings, jailings, lawsuits and shootings and bombings of his house and business told me he believed deeply in an essential compatibility, sympathy and affection, however distorted by segregation the rapport,

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The American Adventure

by Leslie W. Dunbar

TUSKEGEE IS A PLACE which sobers the thoughts and emotions of a speaker as none other does. If you have the same moods that I have, you must alternate between glowing hopes and sharp cutting anxieties, as you live from day to day, and indeed from moment to moment, in these years of American history. We see in one moment the rapidly approaching new day, and then in another moment we suffer the frustration and the pain of the present, and perhaps some nagging doubts about what the new day will in fact bring.

We are engaged in seeking moral and political answers to the question of whether America can be a home for all its people. Sometimes all of us, whether our skins are white or yellow or black, must wonder in the loneliness of our human frailty, whether the universe in which we live is friendly to man or an implacable opponent. Does the universe care whether men are happy? Is human life only a cosmic joke? Are we merely deluding and teasing ourselves when we speak, as we so often do, of the *sacredness* of the human personality?

These anxieties are common to all men. But Negro Americans have had their spirits weighted also by the more immediate question of whether this country, this culture, this civilization is a home to which they can belong. Many generations ago a lot of black people and a lot more white people came to live here. Our crisis today is, most simply put, the issue of how they can get along better with each other. Tuskegee symbolizes an old idea about that issue, an idea now widely discarded, and I believe rightly so, though we must still honor it for the magnificent spirit of friendship and trust which it extended to white persons. Tuskegee symbolizes also a new idea and a new fact, which is that the time has come in the South for Negroes to move squarely into the political and civic leadership of their communities. Many of my later remarks will stress what I believe to be a truth; i.e., that Negroes have the responsibility for leading America today. If I am correct about this, Tuskegee, and what may happen here during the next few years, are of profound importance.

No speaker or writer, with hide slightly less thick than that of an elephant, can help but wonder frequently what he is about when he addresses other people. We live amidst a confusion of words, swirling from all directions, seeking to persuade us, to indoctrinate us, to sell us, to inspire us, to inform us, to amuse us. There are so many voices and there are so many things to read. The danger is that our minds will be deadened, if they are not already, and that for our own peace we shall not hear, though we politely listen; and we shall not absorb or remember, though we shall continue dutifully to read. Let me confess to you that I have nothing to say which you have not heard or read before.

And yet this confusion of words grows out of the human yearning and necessity to talk with each other. To

Dr. Dunbar, executive director of the Southern Regional Council, gave this address at the Conference on Disadvantage, April 10, 1964.

unload on each other our feeling of helplessness and at the same time our own hopes as we face the task and try to meet the call of being human beings. I have nothing new to say. I can speak to you only of old ideas, old hopes, old wrongs, and visions which are as old as they are still unfulfilled.

The watchword of the civil rights movement is "freedom." There is another word which means the same: "liberty." Though these two words have no difference of meaning, as far as I can sense, I find myself wishing that we would use the word "liberty" more often than we do. Freedom is a new word, a word of Old English and Teutonic origin. Liberty is a word which comes to us from Latin, and links us with classical times. I prefer it because it reminds us that the goal we seek is an ancient one; that the ideals which inspire us have invigorated civilized men for centuries. I prefer it because it reminds us that the endless words we speak are addressed to a problem as old as civilization itself. The Negro struggle for civil rights, the struggle of white Americans to emancipate themselves from the race problem, these are but the continuation of a search for liberty which has been going on since the days of Periclean Greece, since the days of the Roman Republic. All that is best in our civilization, for more than 2,000 years, has been pledged to the same cause for which children died in Birmingham last year, for which Medgar Evers gave his life, and for which John Fitzgerald Kennedy was sacrificed.

America means so much, to us and to the world. This generation of Americans has the awful responsibility of saving it. I do not say that thoughtlessly. I need at this point only to document my concern by reference to what has just happened in Wisconsin, in order to suggest how deep is the challenge and how severe is the flaw which runs through our national character.

There are malignant anxieties in this nation, caused largely, I believe, by the changes occurring in our society and in the world at large. The pressures of a long continued Cold War, the impact of new and strange science and technology, the tumultuous growth of cities and their hard problems, the decay of old world powers and the birth of new states, the rising aspirations of the colored people of Asia, Africa, and America—all these things and more have upset the world, and many of our countrymen are finding it difficult to acclimate themselves. They feel anxious and threatened. And they will sometime act desperately, against all and any change. They will act through the Citizens Council, the Ku Klux Klan, the John Birch Society, through movements for unpledged electors, and in other ways.

And yet America is something special. Mankind has dreamed two grand dreams. One is that God cares for every individual, that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without His heart being hurt. The other dream has been that there can be America. For of no other nation or state is it similarly true that the essence of this country is ideas and dreams, and ones which are shared by human beings everywhere they live. America is not the institutions and men in Washington, not the state governments, not Wall Street or Madison Avenue or even Main Street. The reality of America, that which holds us in loyalty and fealty, is made up of the dreams which have been shared by all its great sons and its devoted people, dreams that here in this good land liberty and self-respect could take root and grow richly.

This generation has the obligation

to save that dream. Of saving the dream of free men freely governing themselves, a dream which burst on the world like a great hosanna, and which still is merely a dream over most of the world. Of saving the faith that relies on every individual to do his duty to his neighbors and to his country. Of saving that grand belief that men should be left free to make their own way, to fulfill their own talents, to enterprise freely in the economy of life. To save the conviction that there is wisdom to be discovered, excitement and joy to be found, when free men speak and write freely their thoughts.

There is all this to lose, all this risk of losing our joy and our zest for the adventure that is America. We do not need to worry about losing religion and morality. We are, after all, only men, and religion belongs to God, not to us. Religion is a bond which holds men to God and to each other, but the bond is of God's making. In His wondrous and mysterious and loving way, He will preserve religion somehow, whatever we, His wayward children, do.

But what we have made ourselves, we can destroy. Men made America, and men gave it the principles and institutions which, no matter how often and cruelly violated, have always sustained the country. Men made America, and men can destroy it. Men have America by the throat today in Mississippi, and here also in Alabama, and in its largest city Birmingham. Only a few years back, men had America by the throat, and were choking from it its dreams and its goodness, all over the South. And in Harlem today, and in neighborhoods like it throughout northern cities, a mean and vicious system has America by the throat, squeezing from it its vitality, its beauty, and its hopes. A system made up of lousy landlords, and vile merchandisers of narcotics, and noisome politicians, and what else through its dark, putrid labyrinths I don't know.

Throughout America today the need is to care for our human resources. That is a heavy-handed way of saying that we have an obligation to give each man a chance to make the best of himself. We speak these days of the submerged fifth, of the disadvantaged. These are people we are talking about. One of the sad ironies of our situation is that a large number of them, a majority of them in fact, are among the oldest Americans: Negroes, Appalachian mountain folk, and Indians on reservations. They belong to America if anyone does. Here in the South they are, many of them, our neighbors, and we Southerners have a special responsibility to give them their chance.

In other ways too we here in the South have a sobering responsibility and a large opportunity. Southerners have always been the pace-setters in establishing the race relations policies and practices of this country. This is still true. Today, it is to *Negro* Southerners that the country looks for leadership, leading us toward new racial policies and new practices.

Southerners have for nearly 50 years called the tune in Congress. Now it is to the southern vote, including the southern Negro vote, that the country looks for leadership in giving this nation new political vigor.

We hear so much of the "power structure." Sometimes I am puzzled about how we talked with each other before that term was invented. I have never succeeded in understanding it very well. But if it means the people who lead a society in making its decisions, it refers to the Negro citizens of this country, and particularly of the South. From them has come the strength and the influence which, since Phillip Randolph in 1941 called for a march on Washington, has re-directed this country. And from them must come the leadership for the next decade or so, because white Americans have neither the understanding of the problem or the care for it to lead.

Yet nothing could be more disastrous than for Negro Americans to come to believe that they can go it alone. They cannot; where would they go and how? Nor is that man, whether he is Negro or white, a friend of Negro interests who urges reckless attack on the legitimate institutions and procedures of society, in order to protest racial injustice. We should never forget that a democracy is and should be a compound of people's efforts at individual happiness. You can push a democracy only so far. When you go beyond that point, when you challenge the majority's idea of fairness and social morality *without having on your side a clearly communicated and substantial grievance,* the majority strikes back. The American democracy was pushed hard on the school prayer issue, and as a result we are threatened with having a bothersome Constitutional amendment, which everyone devoted to the integrity of the First

Amendment should actively and strongly oppose. It is pushed too far by people lying in front of Atlanta's rush-hour traffic, or on a congested bridge in New York or on the road to the World's Fair. I do not think the civil rights movement can do anything but harm itself by espousing the doctrine that the end justifies the means. Democracy is pushed too far by demands for bussing children to schools away from their homes and neighborhoods, *when there is no clearly interpreted educational reason for doing so.* As long as our aim and our policy is integration, we shall find that American democracy will accept and support it. But integration means the full and final eradication of barriers, political, economic, educational, and social. It does not mean the giving of power to any groups of men to order other people about. That is not the freedom we seek, and American democracy is not likely to accept it.

It is more than a matter of tactics to suggest that the civil rights movement has an obligation to try to keep the community intact. If I remember the meaning of these military terms we use, "strategy" is the definition of objectives and the planning of the gen-

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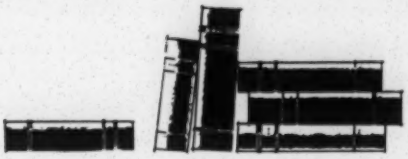

A TIME TO SPEAK. By Charles Morgan, Jr., Harper & Row. 177 pp. $3.95.

On Monday, September 16, 1963, shortly past noon, a young local lawyer rose to address the Young Men's Business Club of Birmingham. His name was Charles Morgan, Jr., and what he had to say shocked his audience—and the white population of Birmingham—almost as much as the bombing of a Negro church in "the city of churches" the day before. Four Negro Sunday-school children were killed in that bombing, the latest to rock such pillars of respectability as the YMBC. The city was anxiously and angrily asking, "Who did it?" Chuck Morgan gave this answer to that question:

> We all did it. Every last one of us is condemned for that crime and the bombing before it and the ones last month, last year, a decade ago. We all did it . . .
>
> And who is really guilty? Each of us. Each citizen who has not consciously attempted to bring about peaceful compliance with the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, each citizen who has ever said 'they ought to kill that nigger,' every citizen who votes for the candidate with the bloody flag; every citizen and every school board member and school teacher and principal and businessman and judge and lawyer who has corrupted the minds of our youth; every person in this community who has in any way contributed during the past several years to the popularity of hatred is at least as guilty, or more so, than the demented fool who threw that bomb.

For Morgan, if for no one else in Birmingham, the time to keep silence had ended, and the time to speak had come. This book tells why he could no longer remain silent in a silent city, a city deaf to the voices of change and blind to the poverty and prejudice everywhere around it.

In part, *A Time to Speak* is a personal story, the story of a young man who grew up and went to school in Birmingham, who returned there with his wife and son after graduating from the University of Alabama law school, who hoped to become as much a part of the city as its red dirt and rolling hills.

But it is also the story of a city and a state where reason has been swept away by a raging tide of racism, lawlessness, demagoguery, and hate.

Yet Morgan dared to speak, even though it meant the loss of friends, clients, and all hope of leading a pleasant and peaceful life in a city he loved. He dared to speak, even though to do so was to place his life and the life of his family in jeopardy, subject to the threats of unidentified voices and the bullets of unknown assassins "in a city where killers are free."

Morgan not only tells what happened to him for daring to dissent but also describes the experiences of other dissenters in Alabama. Of them, he writes:

> In times of stress they merely did what they felt they were supposed

to do; nothing more or less. Each of those who disagreed knew fear and heartbreak. But to some men being true to what they know is right is more important than the comfortable life. No matter where they are—or in what time—they are the men who weave the fabric of America. . .

What Chuck Morgan says of these men applies equally as well to himself: he too is one of America's fabric weavers.

A Time to Speak speaks out to the reader in eloquent, powerful tones. It is a book hard to put down and even harder to forget. It is a devastating account of a segregation-sick society—and of one man who tried bravely but futilely to heal that sickness.

—STAIGE BLACKFORD

AN EDUCATION IN GEORGIA: The Integration of Charlayne Hunter and Hamilton Holmes. Non-fiction by Calvin Trillin. Viking. 180 pp. $3.95.

This is the kind of reporting that we get all too seldom on the South and race problems (or anything else, sadly, outside the pages of such periodicals as the *New Yorker* where the bulk of this material first appeared). Mr. Trillin not only gives us the facts: the often ludicrous expressions of a sovereign state's schizophrenia in the conflict of loyalties to public education and to segregation; the eventual victory of loyalty to public schools for the first time in the deep South; the campus riot which greeted the two Negro students; Mr. Holmes' Phi Beta Kappa Key; Miss Hunter's marriage to a white fellow student from south Georgia. He also gives us the mood and emotion and bleak reality of the day by day ordeal of the two students. And out of this kind of reporting, they emerge recognizable, their personalities fully and sensitively drawn. Also—and this is Mr. Trillin's rare achievement—the tragedy of the situation emerges: the all too familiar spectacle of slow, largely unsuccessful strugglings of people caught in a culture's conflicts, each moment full of exquisite irony, out of the knowledge that it is too late, that the demands of Negroes and of world history are inadequately met with such strugglings.

It is possible to pity and sympathize with the white youngsters on the University of Georgia campus who in 1961 and 1962 fought through to the ability to be civil in private with these two Negro students, but who dared not speak to them in public, and so with the various others, students and faculty, relatively few in number, who in one way or another made an effort to assert humanity and humanitarianism and for the most part exhibited human weakness in their failures of courage.

These individual failures are part of the tragedy. The other, more frightening, part is the majority of people there on that campus who made no effort. They were not—that majority—part of the partly political riot at the outset of the ordeal, nor of the firecracker tossing, obscenity writing, minor tormenting of the students through their matriculation. They were aloof, ignoring the Negro students, pretending perhaps they weren't there, never speaking, never acknowledging their humanity. This, one gathers is what hurt most, making of Mr. Holmes almost an automaton on the campus, life returning only on his weekends back home in Atlanta, making Miss Hunter, normally a warm, happy young woman, increasingly bitter and flippant.

Mr. Holmes reacted by vowing to beat these white youngsters at the game for which ostensibly they were

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American Adventure

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eral method of attack on them; "tactics" is the choice of means to make a strategy succeed. When the objective is shifted from specific offenders to the whole community, there is a change in strategy, not tactics. Moreover, the final goal is integration, and that implies a wholeness, a community at peace with itself. Against institution and practices, whether in Alabama or New York, which discriminate or deny equal opportunity, any peaceable pressure or assault is, in my judgment, justified. And where the community provides no channel of orderly change, as is the case in most of Mississippi, I do not see how the community can justly complain if Negroes and civil rights organizations bring pressure on the widest possible front against the whole community. But when such channels do exist and are kept open, it is probably both unwise and socially damaging to seek to punish and cripple the entire community in order to dramatize issues. I doubt very much that blocking traffic is the way to move ahead on restaurant desegregation or school integration.

We are living in a rapidly changing South — changing more rapidly than most of us sense. In some states of the South we have made already a historic turn. For many generations the cardinal principle of southern political theory was white supremacy. Whenever any other policy seemed to conflict with white supremacy, that policy had to yield. From the day when those white women in Little Rock (Ark.) and those men and women in Virginia said publicly and repeatedly and strongly that schools for their children meant more to them than segregation, the South began to change. Then for the first time, really, white Southerners began to say that other things were more important than race. And today I believe there lies ahead in several southern states the shore already dimly seen. In Kentucky, in North Carolina, in Tennessee, perhaps even in Georgia, there are now state governments which are trying to represent the interest of all their people, and are addressing themselves to the real problems of their states and not to the defense of racial myths and racial selfishness.

If I may say a word in behalf of the South, I believe that we here in the South have fought, these last few years, one of democracy's never ceasing battles; that we have done our part. This we have done through the joint efforts of Negro and white Southerners; but let us be clear about one thing: the leadership came from Negroes and it is to them, despite all their burdens, and despite all their hardships and disadvantages, that we must realistically look for continued leadership.

Moreover, I would say that it is not far fetched for us to look forward with some realism to a new era of states rights. Nothing which has happened these last few years has had greater meaning for civil rights than has had, and will have, the Supreme Court decision in *Baker v. Carr*. We now have the chance, so shamelessly kept from us in the past, to bring state governments into the control of the people. There is, therefore, a double urgency for Negroes throughout the South to register and to vote. Because not only do they need to vote in their own behalf, but they need now to fulfill the opportunity, and, therefore the responsibility, of increasingly democratic politics.

When I say that the South is moving more rapidly than most of us realize, I do not mean only, therefore, that we

are moving in the direction of civil rights. I mean that we are moving in the direction of integration. And let me say this to you. I believe it is an illusion to look for integrated education, integrated neighborhoods, integrated employment—though all these things we must have, and let us never again be apologetic about saying so—unless we have integrated politics. President Kennedy once said that every President of the United States in his turn had to take up the unfinished business of American democracy. I believe that every generation of American citizens must, in its turn, do likewise. And for this generation the unfinished business, not only of American democracy but of the developing spirit of Western civilization, is preeminently the breakdown and the erasure of the barriers of color which stultify both white and Negro men and women, and which make little people of us all.

If white liberals continue to think of themselves as a small band of defenders of the Holy Grail, they would do well to close up shop. If the Negro leaders of the South continue to think that their job is to make the white leadership do right, they will not be true to their responsibility. They will still be fighting only for civil rights, and not for integration. The Negro leadership has got to become a part of the South's leadership. It has got to politic. It has got to teach its people the duty of voting. It has got to run for office. It has got to ask for and learn how to get white votes.

The American adventure is an old one. It is an adventure in search of a life where each man can be free, can fulfill his own talents, can be responsible to himself. Where we have come now in this adventure is to the place where we must learn that we are one people.

We need leadership in love with the adventure which is America, which has the great soul to search for what my Mississippi friend, Aaron Henry, calls the beloved community; which fears only one thing, and that is hatred and bitterness, and which uses every good and right means today and uses them again tomorrow to make good the promises of America. We need leadership which has the courage to face the new, and the wisdom to try the untried—for without adventure into the new and untried, America would not be itself.

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all thrown together on the campus—the acquisition of knowledge. He succeeded. Miss Hunter expressed in interviews again and again her desire not to be a special case, and ended in an eloquent (if paradoxical) expression of this desire in her marriage.

The tragedy is, of course, the hopelessness that either of these acts of will by the two Negro students might be viewed on campus or in Georgia as they should be—as privately, individualistically their own. Instead, they are seen and judged as the acts of Negroes, general, unspecific. The same hopelessness enveloped the acts of white students who tried for courage and failed. Their failures assume cultural proportions. And the majority's cold, hysterical refusal to be involved speaks for the majority of white America.

Mr. Trillin doesn't develop these ideas. He speaks quietly, with southern understatement and dry humor and quiet anger. But out of all the bewildering swirl of emotion in such a situation, he achieves a focus, a perspective, which makes speculation possible, the tragedy clear. This is, indeed, good reporting.

—PAT WATTERS

New South

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New South

Strictly Subjective

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between Negroes and whites in the South. "That's why we haven't pushed harder and gone faster, hoping when freedom comes we'll have this to build on together."

"How could you go faster?" I questioned.

"Well, there are ways," [illegible] and raised his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
TELEPHONE 524-1378

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Martin Luther King Jr., *President*

Wyatt Tee Walker, *Executive Director*

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June 21, 1964

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Mrs. Barbara Whitaker
Research Assistant
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Barbara:

At last I am sending you the report for Savannah, Georgia. The report for Atlanta will be forwarded the latter part of the week. If there are any questions on this report, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Edwina

Edwina Smith

Enc:

Report generally good. Language usage poor in spots. Typing leaves much to be desired. This is to be followed with a supplemental report from Hosea.

B.W.

CRUSADE FOR VOTERS • CHATHAM COUNTY

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A BLOCK PARTY AT THE HOME OF

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ON

AT

TIME

FREE IN '64 WITH 6,000 MORE

SIGNED

HOSEA L. WILLIAMS
SIGNED

I AM ON MY WAY TO REGISTER
HOW ABOUT YOU?

REGISTER NOW!

REGISTRATION DOES NOT COST A PENNY

WHY? In order to help get better schools, streets and lights, police protection, jobs, etc.

WHO? YOU — If you are 17½ years or older, have lived in Georgia one year, and Chatham County six months.

HOW? You will be asked the following questions: Name? Address? Age? Year of birth? Mother's name before marriage (maiden name?) Type of work (Occupation)? How long have you lived in Chatham County? You can register in three minutes.

WHERE? 124 Bull Street (between State and York Streets). Enter Chatham County Court House at Main Floor, (Bull Street side) turn to your left and go to the "Voter Registration" window. This is the same building where you purchase license tags and marriage licenses.

YOU WILL RECEIVE COURTEOUS TREATMENT
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WHEN? NOW — EVERY DAY 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

REGISTER YOURSELF! TAKE ANOTHER ONE WITH YOU

Every Citizen A Qualified Voter

A Voteless People Is a Helpless People

(Courtesy Chatham County Crusade For Voters)

SAVANNAH PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

CITY OF SAVANNAH
10 East Bay
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT:

Read job announcement carefully. No application will be accepted unless **every requirement** is met. Complete this application accurately and legibly. False, incorrect, incomplete, misleading statements may disqualify you for employment with the City of Savannah. Please have fingerprints made between 1 - 3 p.m. any afternoon at the Savannah Police Department, 323 Oglethorpe Avenue. Take a recent photograph with you for identification. Fingerprints are required before an applicant can take an examination.

POSITIONS APPLIED FOR	DATE	(FOR PERSONNEL OFFICE USE) APPLICATION REVIEWED BY:

1. NAME Mr. / Mrs. / Miss _____ (first) (middle) (last) (telephone no.)
2. ADDRESS _____ (number) (street) (city) (state) (zip code no.)
3. DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____
4. SEX _____ HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____ ANY PHYSICAL DEFECTS? Yes ____ No ____
   IF YES, EXPLAIN _____
5. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____ MARITAL STATUS _____
6. NO. OF CHILDREN _____ TOTAL NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS _____
7. ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES? Yes ____ No ____ BY BIRTH? _____ NATURALIZED? Yes ____ No ____
8. Have you ever been arrested for the violation of **any** law, including traffic citations? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, give date, nature of offense, name and location of court and the penalty or disposition of the case, or cases. _____
9. Were you in the U. S. Military Service? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, was your discharge or separation "Honorable"? Yes ____ No ____
   Give branch and dates of service _____
10. Are you a disabled veteran? Yes ____ No ____
    If yes, specify disability _____
11. Circle highest grade of school completed. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. Did you graduate from high school? Yes ____ No ____
    Name of high school _____ Address _____
12. Write name and address of any colleges universities or training schools you attended, showing dates, courses, and degrees obtained. _____

    Circle highest year of college completed. 1, 2, 3, 4. Graduate school. 1, 2, 3.
13. List any licenses, special skills, knowledge of foreign languages, speed in typing and shorthand or other special qualifications. _____
14. What business machines can you operate? _____
15. What vehicles can you operate? _____
16. Do you have a Georgia driver's license? Yes ____ No ____ License No. _____ Type? _____
17. What heavy equipment can you operate? _____

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18. Have you ever been garnisheed, sued, or discharged from a job because of credit difficulties? Yes____ No____

If yes, explain_____

19. List close relatives now employed with the City of Savannah: _____

20. List membership in professional or fraternal associations. _____

21. List three persons living in the United States, and preferably in Savannah, who are not related to you and who have definite knowledge of your qualifications for the position for which you are applying. Do not repeat names shown elsewhere on this application nor include any city officials or employees.

NAME AND ADDRESS

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22. May we make inquiry of your present employer? Yes____ No____ Your former employers? Yes____ No____

23. **Indicate all employment, periods of unemployment, or military service beginning with age 17.**

Month/Year	Name and Complete Address of Employer	Lowest and Highest Monthly Income	Name and Duties of Position
1. from:		$	
to:		$	
Explain reason for leaving.			
2. from:		$	
to:		$	
Explain reason for leaving.			
3. from:		$	
to:		$	
Explain reason for leaving.			
4. from:		$	
to:		$	
Explain reason for leaving.			
5. from:		$	
to:		$	
Explain reason for leaving.			

(Attach additional sheet, if necessary, to list all jobs held.)

24. Have you ever filed an application with the City of Savannah? Yes____ No____ If yes, for what position and when?____

I certify that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____ (date)

_____ (one given name, initial or initials, and surname. If female, prefix Miss or Mrs., and if married, use your own given name)

False statement on this application is punishable as a misdemeanor. (Sec. [illegible], C. S. Act.)

I AM HOSEA L. WILLIAMS, CRUSADE FOR VOTERS' PRESIDENT. I HOLD IN MY HAND A SECRET WEAPON. THIS SECRET WILL DETERMINE THE DESTINY OF THE FREEDOM OF ALL MANKIND.

"NONE OF US IS FREE UNTIL ALL OF US ARE FREE". FRIEND, AMERICA IS FAST BECOMING A COUNTRY OF DESPAIR. ITS TROUBLES ARE MOUNTING AND ITS FUTURE IS GROWING DIMMER. SOME ARE PREDICTING WAR, WHILE OTHERS ARE PREDICTING A PANIC. AS FOR ME, I TELL YOU, WE ARE INVOLVED IN A SOCIO-POLITICAL EVOLUTION THAT WILL EITHER DESTROY AMERICA OR MAKE THIS COUNTRY THE LOVELIEST LAND FOR MANKIND SINCE THE GARDEN OF EDEN. IN MY HAND, I HOLD THE SECRET.

ASK YOURSELF, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY FAMILY, MY JOB, MY FUTURE AND EVEN MY LIFE IF A WAR OR PANIC SHOULD COME? DREADFUL THOUGHTS COME TO YOUR MIND? WELL, BELIEVE ME, EVEN WORSE THINGS COULD HAPPEN. THE PAINFUL THOUGHT IN MY MIND IS, WHATEVER HAPPENS TO AMERICA, ONLY HER CITIZENS CAN BE HELD RESPONSIBLE. THE NON-FREE AS WELL AS THE FREE, THE BLACK AS WELL AS THE WHITE, THE SOUTH AS WELL AS THE NORTH MUST MAKE WISE USE OF THEIR SECRET WEAPONS IN ORDER TO MAKE AMERICA THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE BRAVE.

THAT SOCIO-POLITICAL EVOLUTION I SPOKE OF ABOVE IS UPON OUR COUNTRY. WHETHER IT WILL DESTROY OR BUILD AMERICA DEPENDS ON HOW WISE THE SECRET WEAPON IS USED. THE LITTLE ROCKS, THE BIRMINGHAMS, THE MONTGOMERIES, THE OXFORD MISSISSIPPIES, AND THE ALBANIES ALL BROUGHT GREAT SHAME TO AMERICA. THE SAD THING ABOUT ALL THESE EPISODES IS THEY COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED. THEY HAPPENED BECAUSE THE SECRET WEAPON WAS USED U N - W I S E L Y.

A SOCIO-POLITICAL EVOLUTION IS ALSO TAKING PLACE IN ATLANTA, SAVANNAH, NASHVILLE AND MANY OTHER PLACES BRINGING GLORY TO AMERICA, GLORY THAT SHAMES THE COMMUNIST, GLORY THAT NOT ONLY STOPS COMMUNIST AGGRESSION, BUT CAUSES RETROGRESSION. THIS TYPE OF GLORY CAN ONLY BE PRODUCED BY THE PROPER USE OF THE SECRET WEAPON, A WEAPON EVERY CITIZEN POSSESSES.

I AM A BUSINESS MAN. I HEAD A BUSINESS FIRM THAT WAS BUILT IN 1960: THE CRUSADE FOR VOTERS. WE MANUFACTURE AND UTILIZE SECRET WEAPONS. WE HELPED AMERICA BY HELPING THOSE WHO COULD NOT HELP THEMSELVES. YOU, TOO, CAN HELP, WILL YOU? LOOK WHAT THE CRUSADE FOR VOTERS HAS DONE WITH THE S E C R E T W E A P O N:

1. WON THE RESPECT OF WHITE POLITICIANS
2. KILLED OFF THE UNCLE TOMS AND MONEY-LOVING NEGRO POLITICIANS
3. OFFERED QUALIFIED NEGROES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE
4. DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF NEGRO VOTERS SINCE 1960
5. ORGANIZED A VOTER-EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE 1ST U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
6. ESTABLISHED AND OPERATES 36 ADULT CITIZENSHIP SCHOOLS IN THE 1ST U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
7. ORGANIZED COUNTY-WIDE CRUSADE FOR VOTERS IN ELEVEN COUNTIES
8. INTEGRATED THE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

GEORGE SHINHOSTER
CHAIRMAN

HOSEA L. WILLIAMS
ADVISOR

MARCH FOR THE BALLOT COMMITTEE
416 WEST PARK AVENUE
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

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OR
ADAMS 6-5727

BENJAMIN VAN CLARKE
DIRECTOR

JAMES MIDDLETON, JR.,
CHAIRMAN AREA WORKERS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AREA DIRECTORS

YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE MARCH FOR THE BALLOT PROJECT OF THE YOUTH CRUSADERS IS MORE APPRECIATED THAN YOU COULD POSSIBLY THINK. BECAUSE YOU ARE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSONS WITHIN OUR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE... PLEASE REMEMBER THIS WHEN YOU ARE WORKING ON PLANS FOR THE MARCH FOR THE BALLOT!!

1. A. HOLD A MEETING OF YOUR BLOCK CHAIRMEN AS SOON AS YOU CAN; AND
   a. ASSIGN A CHAIRMAN TO EVERY FIVE BLOCKS; WHO WOULD IN TURN ASSIGN A WORKER TO EACH OF HIS BLOCKS.

   B. ASSIGN ADDITIONAL BLOCK CHAIRMEN AND WORKERS TO HEAVY SITUATED AREAS.

2. A. START BLOCK CANVASS FOR: (1) ADDITIONAL YOUTH FOR THE MARCH FOR THE BALLOT
   (2) ADDITIONAL UNREGISTERED VOTERS, FOR FEAR WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COVER THE ENTIRE CITY ON THE NIGHT OF MARCH 1ST 1964

3. SUCCESS OR FAILURE DEPENDS ON US:
   A. WE HAVE DIVIDED OUR "GET READY" PROGRAM INTO SEVERAL AREAS IN ORDER TO MEASURE OUR STRENGTH BEFORE THE MARCH.

A. OPERATION READYNESS:

HEADED BY JAMES MIDDLETON, JR., WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING UP AREAS AND ASSIGNING WORKERS... (IT SOUNDS EASY DOESN'T IT? WELL IT ISN'T!!)

B. OPERATION PREPARNESS:

HEADED BY OUR CHAIRMAN, GEORGE SHINHOSTER, WHO WILL TRAIN AREA DIRECTORS AND AREA CHAIRMEN AND BLOCKWORKERS IN THE ART OF: (1) HOW TO EXPLAIN OUR PROJECT TO PEOPLE AND ETC., (2) HOW TO FILL OUT REPORT FORMS AND (3) PROBLEMS THE BLOCKWORKERS CAN EXPECT SUCH AS: BABY SITTERS; TRANSPORTATION AND TIME... ETC.,

C. OPERATION AWARENESS:

HEADED BY OUR CHIEF AGITATOR, WARREN R. HAMILTON, WHO WILL SECURE YOUTH WHO ARE PRESENTLY SERVING ON SCHOOL NEWSPAPERS' STAFF TO WORK WITH HIM. THEIR RESPONSBILITY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE MARCH IS TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED OF OUR ACTIONS. AND TO ARRANGE FOR AND SECURE THE RIGHT TYPE OF YOUTH TO APPEAR ON AT LEAST TWO RADIO PROGRAMS THAT COMES TO MIND AT THIS TYPING.

D. OPERATION OUTLINE:

HEADED BY LEON WESLEY (THE SECOND MR. TOUCHDOWN, HIMSELF) WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING YOUTH IN THE OUTLINE COMMUNITIES SUCH AS: PINPOINT; SANDFLY; ETC,, AND SEEING TO IT THAT THEY OPERATE WITHOUT A TROUBLE (S) IF POSSIBLE.

E. OPERATION "FLYING SQUAD"

HEADED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION (SHINHOSTER, MIDDLETON, HAMILTON, CLARKE, WILLIAMS , ETC.,) WILL VISIT EACH AND EVRY AREA PERSONALLY AND EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVNESS OF OUR LONG-RANGE PLANNING BEFORE THE MARCH.

F. OPERATION BALLOT:

THE MARCH FOR THE BALLOT..... FREE IN '64 WITH 6, 000 MORE.. 2,000 YOUTH MARCHING WITHIN A GIVEN OR ASSIGNED AREA SEEKING NONREGISTERED VOTERS...

REMEMBER YOUTH!!

IF ITS TO BE - LET IT BE BY US

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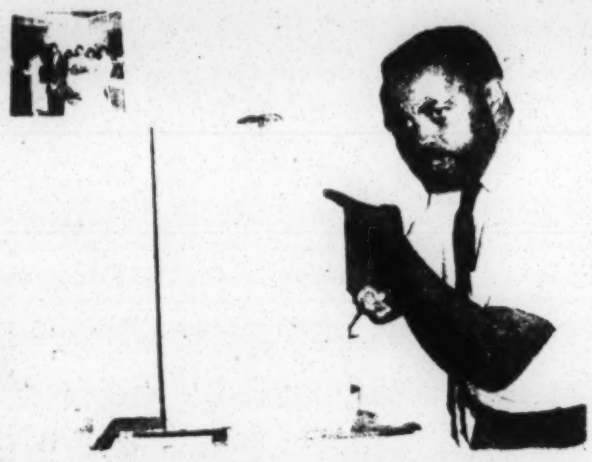
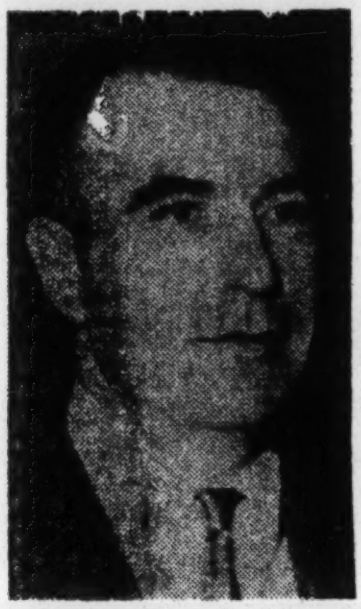
A CASE STUDY ON---

COMMUNITY ACTION

BY: BENJAMIN VAN CLARKE
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO
MR. HOSEA WILLIAMS



Mr. Hosea L. Williams,
President of the Chatham
County Crusade For Voters
and Leader of the Savannah
Freedom Now Movement



Mayor Malcolm Maclean

Mayor Malcom Maclean,
The man in charge of
Savannah, Georgia.

One Man is trying to over throw
the system of segregation...

While the other heads the system...

These are the forces at work in

The Savannah, Georgia

Freedom
Now
Movement

WORKING OUTLINE

PART I

THE PLANS:

INTRODUCTION	- What we are up to
	- What this is
	- What it's about - and
NEED FOR STUDY	- Why? Justification of this effort
BRIEF BACKGROUND	- How we got into this mess (segregation vs. integration)
PROCEDURE	- How we'll go about finding a way out,
	- Savannah's Battle Plan For Freedom
DETAILED BACKGROUND	- The reaction of the Public to our action
	- Type of Action
	- Type of Program

PART II

THE PERFORMANCE:

GATHERING THE EVIDENCE	- What we found
	- This is for sure
	- We may conclude
ANALYZING THE DATA	- The findings pertaining to the problem
	- This may be
	- Our resultant conclusion

PART III

THE PERSPECTIVE:

SUMMARY	- What we set out to do
	- Why
	- How
AND	- What we actually did
	- What we found
CONCLUSIONS	- What it seems to show
RECOMMENDATIONS	- What should be done about it

PART I

THE PLANS:

NEED FOR STUDY

In to many communities leadership finds itself up against stone walls, this is true because too many communities operate without a "Battle plan for freedom" This study is important because it will give to others tools with which to work. It will also show the stages of a well planned and well organized organization.

In no way am I convinced that this is a comprehensive report on the Savannah Freedom Movement. But certainly, after reading this paper, one will be able to apply the procedure used here in relation with his community. All too many times, the leader of a movement fail to understand all of the forces at play in his community and only attempt to tackle the problem (s) most immediate to him. But all problems of a community have a direct or indirect bearing on the overall problem (segregation). Thus, there is a need to study community actions.

Morris Ginsberg wrote in his theory of "The concept of Biological Aristocracy"

"Often what an individual actually achieves is out of proportion to what he could achieve, but for the interference or effect of certain variables, such as lack of planning, health, interest and ambition, motivation, economic drive, responsiblity towards others, moral support and encouragement by others, and personality thwartings as timidity, sensitiveness, uncontrollable temper, and the like. On the other hand, certain dynamic qualities of aggressiveness and persistence often overcompensate for intellectual weaknesses"

BRIEF BACKGROUND

Savannah, Mother city of Georgia and last of the thirteen original colonies, was founded on February 12th 1733 , by James Edward Oglethrope and a band of 120 followers. Today's America first planned community is the second largest city in Georgia, boasting a metroplitan population of over 200,000.

Savannah was one of the last cities or colonies to institute the system of slavery, although Negroes (about a dozen or so) were a part of the colony. This might be the reason, Savannah did not become a Birmingham or Albany at the outset of the first major movement.

COMMERCE:

Metropolitan Savannah's retail sales for the year 1962 totaled $197,648,000. In 1960, Negroes staged a total boycott on the Main business district in Savannah and many of the businesses were closed down ,while others lost a considerable amount of business, It shows that

PART I

THE PLANS:

NEED FOR STUDY:

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

spent more money in Savannah's business district than whites.

INDUSTRY:

There are more than 200 Manufactures and processors in the City of Savannah. Negroes are not found in the supervisory positions but in the menial ones. Negro Women, well over 51 per cent, are found doing Maid work for white folks. With the high rate of unemployment most Negro men must do odd jobs and the likes.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES:

Armstrong College, recently converted to a 4-year institution; Savannah State College, also a 4-year institution, both units of the University System of Georgia. 41 - Elementary schools; 11 Junior High Schools; 6 - High Schools; 1- Accredited business College; and 3- Vocational schools.

CITY GOVERNMENT:

Council-Manager, composed of Mayor and six Aldermen with a City Manager.

Up to 1960 I cannot nor can I find information leading to the Civil Rights movement. But 1960 brought with it a new breed. Members of the Savannah Branch Youth Council of NAACP (of which I was a member) started a movement that was to become the cornerstone of Savannah's stride towards freedom. It was the beginning of the Lunchcounter Sit In Demonstrations. Prehaps, we need to pause and reflect upon the movement of 1960.

MARCH 1960:

Hosea L. Williams, (then chairman of the political action committee of the Savannah Branch of NAACP) began to organize and train members of the Savannah Branch Youth Council, NAACP, in the art of Non-violence. On the 16th of March 1960 some eighty students under the direction of Hosea L. Williams went to Broughton Street to begin the first series of Anti-Segregation Demonstration. Although there have been outstanding efforts or stride towards freedom since, we feel this beginning has more to do with the present day attitude of Savannah's [illegible] anything else

PART I

THE PLANS:

INTRODUCTION CONTINUES:

century find themselves proving that this "thesis" of Chamberlain is as far from the total truth as segregation is superior to integration.

WE WILL SHOW THE FACTS - you make the decision.

Factor #2 Economics:

This is very important, because it is my contentions, until the segregation will continue Negro has an opportunity to pay his way in this society, he must be given a chance to compete with any and every man for the dollar bill. In essence, "the wealth of America needs to be redistributed." This contention was brought to light in the reading of Rudolf Stammler and his writings of the "Ruling Class as Organizational Necessity"

He said "The economy, and with it the exponents of economic activity are more or less subjected to the state, becoming its subordinates. The economy loses the primacy which it held under bourgeois society. This does not mean, however, that economic circles do not have great influence on the ruling power."

but Burnham the theorist, writing in his book of Patterns of Anti-Democratic Thoughts wrote: "ECONOMIC POWER AS CONTROL OF POLITICAL POWER, IS THE THEORY OF THE RULING CLASS AS AN ECONOMIC CLASS RESTS ON THE FURTHER ASSUMPTION THAT THOSE WHO MANAGE (OR CONTROL) THE INSTRUMENTS OF PRODUCTION IN A GIVEN SOCIETY POSSESS AS A NECESSARY CONSEQUENCE THE FINAL SAY AS TO WHAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE DONE."

Thus, the leadership of the Savannah Movement had to create jobs for Negroes (redistributing the wealth of Savannah).

Factor #3 Status:

People want to be human beings in the full sense of the word. They want that sense of dignity and personal worth which the religious man (rather, most of them) takes for granted as the inherent right of each individual as a child of God and as a citizen of these United States of America.

Benjamin Van Clarke

March 10th 1964
Savannah, Georgia

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Municipal golf course
Municipal airport
Public library
Savannah's police department
City and County water fountains
City and County rest rooms
Seating in city police court
Seating in County police court

City Auditorium

City civil service examinations
City voter registration lists
County voter registration lists
City voting polls
County voting polls
County tax return lines
Seven city boards, commissions and Committiees
Fire Department

The Chatham County Crusade For Voters' Political Action Program was responsible for the upgrading of Negroes in the following positions.

One detective to sergent
Two patrolmen to corporals
One laborer to water meter reader

One laborer to water pump operater

Two Laborers to foremen.

The Chatham County Crusade For Voters was not only responsible for Negroes being appointed to the following governmental boards, commissions and committees but named the appointees:

Savannah Public Library Board
Bacon Park Commission
Civil Defense Commission
Savannah Additorium Committee

Savannah Recreation Commission
Advisory Committee to the Savannah Mettropitan Planning Commission.

The Chatham County Crusade For Voters was also responsible for the hiring of Negroes in the following positions:

Additional Negro Policemen (the number of Negro policemen increased from 17 to 30)

Negro Firemen

Negro Bus drivers

The Chatham County Crusade For Voters' after integrating every (well, most every) possible institution with the ballot, conducted a major direct action program against segregation this summer. This program was under the leadership of Mr. Hosea L. Williams, President of the Chatham County Crusade For Voters who was assisted by Benjamin Van Clarke, director of the Youth Crusaders. Activities of the Direct Action Program consisted of daily morning training workshops, noon downtown marches and speeches, nightly mass meetings, nightly mass marches (after nightly meetings) daily sit-in demonstrations and daily picketing of certain segregated establishments.

The Atlanta Journal "Willi[illegible]ns of Savannah In Jail"

The Atlanta Constitution wrote "The numbers of numbers marched in Savannah"

And behind all of the afore mentioned headlines, Negroes were there-not one or two hundred but thousands upon thousands.

The reason Negroes supported the Crusaders was the fact that the movement was an organized one. We tried to involved all of the youth in the Community with leadership. Without regard for the present (summer jobs, etc.,) these youth moved out to help bring the conditions of Savannah up to par.

PART II

THE PERFORMANCE:

GATHERING THE EVIDENCE:

In working with the Chatham County Crusade For Voters in many of its political ventures, (get out the vote campaigns; organizing the many factions of the community before election time and evaluating the politicians in office) I have come to the conclusion that "Politics is always essentially a conspiracy of power," and law is essentially the means whereby "contests of sheer force or might" are staged. "It specifically makes possible and easy ways in which the strong can use force to crush and oppress the weak." The failure of liberals and conservatives both, is that they "still think of politics as a game. They have not awakened to the fact that it is now a war. In war, as all military manuals teach in chapter one, the purpose of war is to first and above all destroy the enemy." Those who, therefore still think in terms of right rather than in terms of might are oblivious to the naked reality of social order. It is not right that makes might; on the contrary, it is always and only might that makes right. (THIS IS WHY NEGROES MUST REGISTER AND VOTE IN LARGE NUMBERS, WE MUST BECOME THE BALANCE OF POWER IN EVERY COMMUNITY. THIS LESSON WAS WELL LEARNED HERE IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA). This factor has been proven many times. I am also interested in Dr. W.B. Munro's writings on "The ruling Class as Conspiracy of Power." Here we note that

"Every government, whatsoever its form and howsoever guarded, tends to become a government by minority. The attempt has often been made to fasten political power in the hands of the whole people, but it never stays there. It gravitates into the possession of a class - a ruling class..."

The Power of the Negro Vote in many areas of the south is an unfelt one. Now is the time for us to help history repeat itself.

PART I

THE PLANS:

INTRODUCTION

"All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and consious and should act towards one another in a spirit of respect and brotherhood." UN Declaration on Human Rights- article 1.

We shall attempt to put into print a case study on community action as it relates to the Savannah, Georgia Freedom Now Movement.

This writing is the reflection of a 12 grade student and in no way should Hosea L. Williams, President of the Chatham County Crusade For Voters or the Reverend C. T. Vivian, Director of Affiliates for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference be held libel for the contents here. However, we would like to extend our heart-felt thanks to the Reverend Vivian for suggesting that we do such a thing. Also, to Mr. Williams for the help, he has contributed to the realization of this paper.

This paper will concern itself with the problems facing the Negro citizens of Savannah, Georgia; how they are handled; the reaction of the public; and the accomplishments netted.

Also we put into print the achievements of an organization less than four years old.

It is our understanding, our knowledge that the revolution, violently, nonviolently, boiling, foaming, saturated, is today (yes at this very moment) digging into the entrails of nearly every society in the world. The revolution is socially; politically; economically; racially and culturally. It is morally and spiriturally rooted in the minds of the revolutionists. As we see it, there are two or three factors one should bear in mind while reading this "thesis" or Case Study on Community Action." They are:

Factor #1 "Color":

"The concept of racial aristocracy asserts, in essence, that some races are superior in intellectual capacity and political genius to other races, and that one race, indeed, is superior to all the rest. All that the right state need to do, in consequence, is to grant to this superior race exclusive and permanent political power and to deny to the inferior men will race and share in the government. In this way, say the theorists of this school, the democratic alternative of the rule by average or inferior men will be avoided and the conditions of a progressive civilization will be assured. If, on the other hand, the racially superior are subjected, to the rule of the incompetent, average men, then clearly the just state cannot long survive."

The above statement was written by Houston Stewart Chamberlain of Europe at the turn of the eighteenth century. Thus, the leaders of the Savannah Freedom Movement at the turn of the mid-twentieth

PART II

ANALYZING THE DATA:

We do not require the elaborate and painstaking investigations of the social psychologists to tell us that man is an irrational animal. He has given conclusive evidence of this in his behavior at political no less than at non-political conventions, in his worship of false idols, in his susceptibility to fraud and deceit, in his pious justicification of the proverty and ill-being of his fellow-men, in his racial and religious prejudices and acts of segregation and discrimination, in his all-too-ready evocation and at times even glorification of war. It is unnecessary further to document this obvious as well as profound truth. Thus, here in Savannah we find ourselves working on the minds of people both white and black. Some how we must change them for the better. There are many ways to do this, but I shall cite just one for each race:

The White Man must begin to see Negroes in places heretofore not seen. He must be made to realize the all-importance of the rights of black men. and likewise,

The Black Man must begin to act like he or she is ready for this new day that we are fighting for. He must as a potion of the bible reads "pick up his bed and walk" But most of all SHE MUST REGISTER AND VOTE THIS AND ONLY THIS WILL BRING HIM THE TRUE FREEDOMS THIS STRUGGLE IS DESIGNED TO ATTAIN. THIS IS A POLITICAL SOCIETY, WE MUST AS BLACK MEN BECOME POLITICAL MINDED. Savannah Negroes have developed a political awareness and it is ever growing...

PART III

SUMMARY:

If this paper was concerned with another community one would readily think this work was of a theorist. But the Accomplishments the Savannah Freedom Movement support the contents of this paper. We set out to show a case study on community action, it is our hope though this written and later though our verbal presentation that you will some how feel this paper to be successfully done.

The achievments of the Crusade For Voters has been many, some of them are listed here and now for your reading and thinking.

The Organization at work for freedom in Savannah:

The Chatham County Crusade For Voters has been the most effective county organization in Georgia. Through its political action program the following facolities have been integrated in the city of Savannah and the county of Chatham:

PART III

THE PERSPECTIVE:

CONCLUSIONS:

The accomplishments of the Chatham County Crusade For Voters' seems to show the trade mark of a well planned and well established organization (the true facts are: The Crusade For Voters is just 4 years old. But it has a membership far greater than any other organization in the city of Savannah, with the exception of the church, also it has the largest youth division than any other organization within the State of Georgia. Active, participating youth.)
Therefore, we can conclude that the Negroes of Savannah, Georgia are not to far from the realization of total freedom if the work of one of the epics of our times will continue to operate under the progressive leadership of Hosea L. Williams.

RECOMMENDATIONST

The only recommendations I might have can and will be directed to the leadership of other community organizations. The Crusade For Voters' Battle Plan For Freedom is certainly worth reading, maybe you will find something that will be of help in planning a case study of your community that would help you in determining the forces at play in your back yard.

May I conclude with the words of a great philosopher:

"If you think you are beaten you are; if you think you dare not - you don't; if you think you'll lose, you have lost. For out in the world you'll find, success begins with a fellow's will, its all in the State of Mind."

Report from Louisiana
Daniel Harrell
August, 1963

In April, I began working with Major Johns on his voter registration project. After several meetings with leading ministers of Shreveport, a petition to begin a voter registra- drive was drawn up and signed. This petition was hand carried Major Johns and myself to several city officials, including the mayor (Clyde E. Fant) and the commissioner of Public Safety (George W. D'Artois).

Upon our arrival at the Commissioner's office, we requested, of his secretary, permission to speak with the Commissioner. The secretary conferred with the Commissioner in his private office and returned telling us that the Commissioner would see us shortly. She left the door to the Commissioner's office open. We could see him sitting at his desk. After waiting twenty (20) minutes to be admitted into his office, we decided to leave the petition with the Commissioner's secretary and return home. This we did.

As we were leaving the building, Commissioner D'Artois called us, waving the petition in his left hand and asking, "What is this?" We answered him stating that it was a petition to begin a voter registration dirve in Shreveport. At this time, he asked us into his office where he began questioning me as to my position in the voter registration drive. I told him that I was working invoter education. He asked me if I was on salary by SCLC. I answered "No." He then asked me where I was working and I told him that I was working as an insurance agent at a local insurance company. The Commissioner

commenced a lecture on outside agitation. When he had completed his lecture, he ordered my arrest charging me with vagrancy.

I was released from jail under a $102 dollar bond, after which I began helping Major Johns organize voter registration clinics. The police department placed me under twenty-four hour surveillance, observing my every move in voter registration, my work, and all activities.

Some few days after my release from jail on bond, I was arrested again. This time I was charged with neglect of two minor children and placed under a $500 bond which was paid by SCLC. This arrest was one of harassment, which was illustrated in the following facts:

1. My ex-wife did not file the complaint, instead, it was filed by my mother-in-law with the aid of the police department.

2. The two children in question were children my ex-wife had prior to our marriage. Neither did my ex-wife become conceived during our marriage.

3. At no time did I legally adopt my ex-wife's children.

After my second release from jail, I continued my work in voter education, Major Johns and I organized three voter registration clinics. One at Willow Chute Baptist Church, 2060 Stanley Road, Cooper Road Community at which Mr. Ardis M. Johnson was the instructor. During the existence of this clinic eleven registrations were obtained. A second clinic was organized at Trinity Baptist Church, 1727 Milam Street, Lakeside Community. Miss Willie C. Jackson is the instructor of this clinic. We presently have twenty-three registrations

from this clinic. Our third clinic was organized at First Baptist Church, 1501 Cooper Road, Cooper Road Community. I was the instructor of this clinic from which seventeen persons were registered.

The number of registrations obtained from the clinic were far less than the number we anticipated. We found that this was due to the facts that:

1. there were to many complacent Negroes; to many Negroes satisfied with being second-class citizens.

2. the Negroes of Shreveport have been so brainwashed with fear by the white man that they refuse to do anything that is against his wishes.

3. the Negro fears the loss of his job. There is very little national industry in Shreveport. Most of the jobs held by Negroes are with local firms and individuals. And because there is a surplus of Negro labor, the Negro who ventures out even in registering to vote stands a good chance of losing his job.

Because of the problems encountered in our voter registration drive, the United Citizens Committee was founded. This Committee proposed a bi-racial committee to solve the Negro problems by peaceful negotiations. We felt that many Negro problems derived from lack of communitcation between Negroes and whites. Several attempts were made to negotiate with the white community, but were without success. The U.CC. discontinued to exist, therefore, dissolving itself into the NAACP.

The NAACP was assigned the task of trying to solve the Negro problems. The first step taken was to call a mass meeting and let the colored community know its future direct action. Mr. Charles Evers was the guest speaker. After the

meeting a direct action committee was formed. Named to serve on the committee were Mrs. Ann Brewster, Major Johns, Levert Taylor and Daniel Harrell. The follwoing day, July 18, 1963, a group of youth were organized to participate in a sit-in demonstration at local stores' lunch counters. These demonstrations were carried out on July 18, 19, 1963, during which time fifteen persons were arrested and jailed (leaders included).

The purposes of the demonstrations were to awaken the complacent Negroes, to show them that they were not the first-class citizens their false beliefs lead them to accept, that there were some Negroes who believed in the equality of man, that an enslaved mind was no different from an enslaved body, and that there are some Negroes who let the world hear their cry for freedom. The second purpose of the demonstration was to let the white man of Shreveport know that the Negro community was not satisfied to live in mental slavery, that he knows that there exists a better life than the one he is presently living, that the Negro will not be satisfied with second-class citizenship, that the Negro wants to be free; free and equal to his brother, the white man.

Without arousing the Negro and the white man from their slumbs, we knew that our efforts, in voter registration, as well as so many other walks of life, would have been vain ones. Therefore, Major Johns, Levert taylor, Mrs. Ann Brewster, and Daniel Harrell organized a group of adults and youth for two sit-in demonstration at some local stores' lunch counters.

These demonstrations took place on the 19th and 20th of July, during which time, fifteen persons were arrested and jailed. Through our financial support and that of the NAACP, bonds were posted. The bonds for the demonstrators ranged from twelve hundred dollars to two thousand dollars.

The peroid of incarceration was twelve days, during which time, all incarcerated persons were released on bond.

The trials of my previous arrest were held. The first trial was the vagrancy case. This case was dismissed when it was proven that I was gainfully employed, has a residence, and had a reason for being in the Commissioner's office by virtue of his invitation. The second trial was the neglect case. This trial was continued. However, certain things were ~~dis-~~ disclosed. They are that the children born more than a year before our marriage, the complaint was filed by my mother-in-law instead of my wife, and that I had not legally adopted the children.

The tri-parts, Major Johns, Levert Taylor, and I organized a proposal for state-wide voter registration drive. Major Johns called a statewide conference to discuss these plans with representatives from other parishes and Civil Rights Organization, SCLC, VEP. This conference took place at Lake Charles, Louisiana on the tenth and eleventh of August.

After the conference, Major Johns, Levert Taylor, and I went to Plaquenmines to work in voter registration. We arrived there Monday, August 12, 1963. On the thirteenth, we visited the voter registration clinics, the picket lines at certain local stores, and the jails where CORE workers were

being held. My first duty was to organize the picketing system. The youth were losing their enthusiam due to their walking for long hours and lack of scheduled relief. Two youth were placed on the picket lines and were left to walk the line without relief until other youth were taken from the office or community to relieve them. The youth at Food Town were to walk for one hour and those at West Brothers were to walk for two hours. During the mid-afternoon, finding people for the line was difficult. Therefore, the youth had to walk from two to three hours without a rest break. I remedied this by placing a relief man on the picket lines, and made tours two hours for both stores. The enthusiam rose again and we could find youth easily for the line.

Because most of CORE's workers were in jail, we did very little in voter registration. Our main object was to either get the workers out of jail and back to work or fill up the jails through a demonstration. On August 13, Levert Taylor and I spoke at a mass rally. After which we, along with other members of the strategy committee, planned for the demonstration of August 14. On the evening of August 14, we prepared the people at the mass rally for the march to the Court House. The march was organized with a negotiating committee leading the group. The negotiation committee consisted of two local officals and CORE and SCLC representative (one each). Levert Taylor, other CORE workers and I were group captains. Our jobs were to make sure the march was orderly. After the demonstration the strategy committee met and worked a proposed plan for the

District Attorney.

On the 15th, the workers were released from jail.

Because the city officials voted in favor of sewer improvement in the white community, and neglected the colored community, this improvement, because the Major told a negotiating committee that the Negroes had all that they were going to get, because the Negro community had, time and time again, been refused admittance into the city limits, a protest march was initiated. On Saturday, August 17, we made protest signs for the protest on Monday, August 19.

Upon my arrival at Shreveport, I began organizing a group of youth for a voter registration drive. This group has been organized and we are presently doing house to house canvassing. Our class attendance has increased considerable.

The clinic at Willow Chute Baptist and First Churches has been discontinued. We are presently doing zone work. Our efforts are concentrated in the Lakeside community, where we have opened an all day clinic at Williams Memorial CME Temple. This clinic is being taught by Rev. A. E. Jones. At present, we are working from two clinics: Williams Memorial and Trinity Baptist Clinics.

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UNITED CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

~~SHREVEPORT~~, LOUISIANA

November 8, 1963

Major Johns,
General Director

Rev. L. P. Sims,
Secretary

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Mr. O. Varner
Mr. R. R. Banks
Rev. E. E. Jones

TO: Rev Andrew Young
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

SUBJECT: Summary Report of Voter Registration Drive.

Upon our arrival at Lake Charles, we were met with great resistance. We had come into a city where animosity existed between the two leading negro organizations. One organization, The Independent Democratic Association, was accepting us and the other, The Co-ordinating Council, was rejecting us. And two organizations were fighting between themselves.

Our first step was to try and get the two organizations to unite in a common effort, a united voter registration drive. This failed. We then attempted to get the two organizations to work seperately with SCLC being an assistant between the two. This also failed. Seeing that any attempt we made to get the two organizations to work harmoniously was a waste of time and energy, we finally resulted to the group that favored us and worked through it.

The Co-ordinating Council resented our coming t o Lake Charles, and requested that we leave the city. We were also threatened by this organization. It pledged that if we stayed in Lake Charles we were in for a tug of war. Threats are something that our organization is accustomed to. So that did not barther me at all. In fact I was more determined to stay than ever then. We have not let any white person or organization stop us from getting rights for the Colord Man, and I knew "X" well I was not going to let a colord organization stop me.

We began our Voter Registration drive and began to set-up clinics, in local churches. This was short lived. Our first two clinics lasted three days each. The third did not even materialize. The Council used its influence to get us out of or prevent our going into every church in Lake Charles. The tug of war was on. Seeing thangs as they were, we rented an appartment where we set-up an office and a clinic. With a perminant place to work, we began our publicity--hand bills, signs, posters, news paper releases, and canvassing. We tried radio communications but no station would use our announcements.

We felt other affects of the tug of war during our canvass. Because the Council used its influence to get the local preachers to announce from the pulpit that we were at Lake

to demonstrate, that we are professional demonstraters, that Lake Charles is a peaceful city and it does not want t o be like Plaquemane or Birmingham or Mississippi etc. People were also instructed not to let us into their houses. However, we continured our convassing and finally our drive got of the ground and was moving foward. If t he council had used half as much energy in voter registration as it used trying to impede our progress, we would have gotten some ten-thousand people in Calcasieu Parish registered.

I don't know. May-be my approach to the council was wrong. May-be I should have used more effort in trying to get its cooperation. May-be I should have had you (Andy) to announce our coming to Lake Charles before we got here. May-be I should have done all of the above thangs, but I did not. I used the best approach I knew, every effort I felt would be productive, and I did not feel that there was a need to beg one to let you help him if he is in need of help. I knew we had only six weeks before the books close for the gubernatorial election, and I did not feel that we had the time to waste on organization. Therefore, we got to work and worked hard. If it took working twelve to sixteen hours a day to get the job done, then we would work thoes hours and we did. You may have wondered why my reports were late some weeks, well, I just was unable to stop what I was doing to write it. Sunday, you may think would be the day to write it, but I had to use Sundays for canvassing with the youths from McNeese College. Our work finally payed off. We were able to cover the parish and were able to see our opponents come to us for help. I do believe that our drive will see a very good degree of success.

Thanks a lot to you Andy for your most inspiring letter. It came at a time when I was in greatest need for moral support. I felt that I was failing, but after reading your letter I recieved new viger, drive, and perseverance. Like John Paul Jones we begun to fight. Again, thanks a lot Pal.

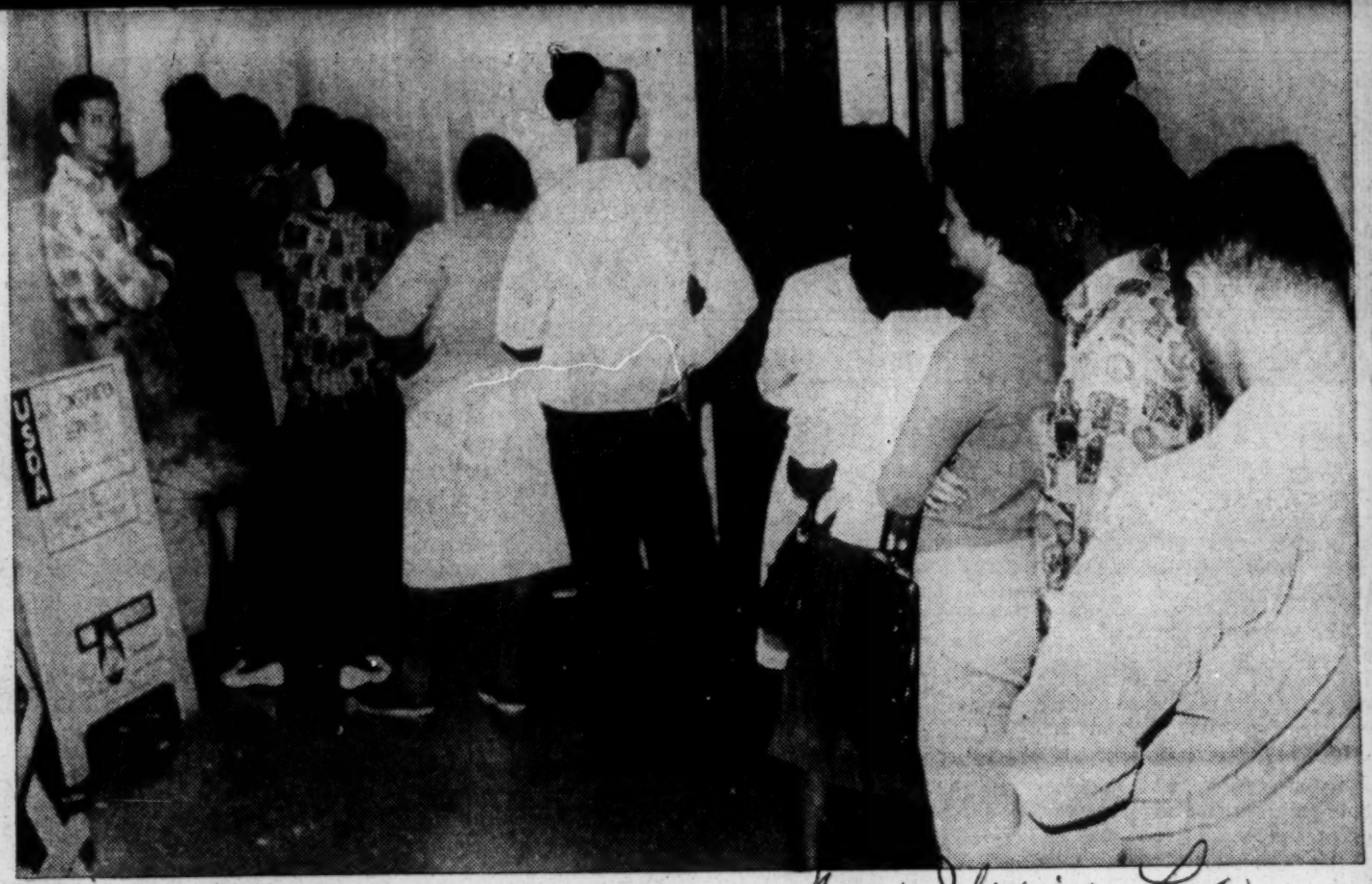
Our Voter Registration program consisted of clinics in DeQuincy, Mossville, West Lake, Lake Charles, Sulphur, and Vinton. We canvassed almost every community of the Parish, and showed a reasonable degree of success in each.

I would like to give thanks to my co-workers who made the existing program possible. Mrs Junita Daniels, Mrs Metilda Bartie, Mr Jack Brady and Mr Joseph Robinson. Without them there would have been on drive.

Sincearly

Daniel Harrell Jr.

Daniel Harrell, Jr.



New Iberia, La

UP TO THE LAST MINUTE lines formed in the Iberia Parish Courthouse basement corridor waiting to register to vote. This scene taken late Wednesday is typical of the lines formed during the last week, according to Ray Mullins, registrar.

REPORT ON VOTER REGISTRATION, CALCASIEU PARISH (COUNTY) LOUISIANA, AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 1963:

TOTAL NUMBER OF WHITE PERSONS REGISTERED - 46,905

TOTAL NUMBER OF NEGRO PERSONS REGISTERED - 8,130

TOTAL - 55,035

WARD 1 - WHITE - 1,308
" NEGRO - 145

WARD 2 - WHITE - 769
" NEGRO - 37

WARD 3 - WHITE - 26,285
" NEGRO 6,007

(WARD 3 IS THE CITY OF LAKE CHARLES AREA)

WARD 4 - WHITE - 12,033
" - NEGRO - 970

WARD 5 - WHITE - 984
" NEGRO - 54

WARD 6 - WHITE - 2,378
" NEGRO - 539

WARD 7 - WHITE - 1,924
" - NEGRO - 238

WARD 8 - WHITE 1,224
" NEGRO 140

JACK BRADY,
16, NOVEMBER 1963

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ANALYSIS OF VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM IN CALCASIEU PARISH (COUNTY) LOUISIANA, AS OF 17 NOVEMBER 1963: SCLC PARTICIPITATION.

AS OF SEPTEMBER 24, 1963, THE FIGURES IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, REFLECTED THE FOLLOWING:

TOTAL NUMBER OF WHITE PERSONS REGISTERED	-	44,739
TOTAL NUMBER OF NEGRO PERSONS REGISTERED	-	7,484
TOTAL	-	52,223

THE EFFORTS OF THE SCLC VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM WERE JUST GETTING STARTED AT THIS TIME, AS FROM SEPTEMBER 16, THERE WAS A PERIOD OF UN-CERTAINTY AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE SCLC VOTER REGISTRATION CLINIC, DUE TO OPPOSITION FROM THE LOCAL NEGRO PREACHERS.

ACCORDING TO REV. A.G. WASHINGTON, WHO STATED THAT HE "HELPED TO ORDAIN ANDY YOUNG," THE LOCAL NEGRO PREACHERS WHO WERE OPPOSING THE SCLC VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

REV. VICTOR WASHINGTON
REV. CARTER
REV. MOORE
REV. DAVIS
REV. MAYS

IN VIEW OF THIS AMOUNT OF OPPOSITION FROM THE "UNCLE TOM" CLERGY OF THE NEGRO COMMUNITY, THE FINAL REGISTRATION FIGURES AT THE CLOSING OF THE BOOKS OF THE REGISTRAR ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1963, SEEM TO REFLECT THAT THE SCLC EFFORT WAS MOST ENCOURAGING. THE FINAL FIGURE ON TOTAL NUMBER OF NEGROES REGISTERED IN CALCASIEU PARISH (COUNTY) AS OF 17 NOVEMBER 1963 IS:

	8,130
NEGROES REGISTERED AS OF SEPTEMBER 24, 1963:	7,484
TOTAL NUMBER OF NEGROES REGISTERED IN 6-WEEKS PERIOD	646

FOR THE SAME PERIOD THE NUMBER OF WHITE PERSONS REGISTERED WAS THUS:

AS OF NOV. 17, 1963	-	46,905
AS OF SEPTEMBER 24, 1963	-	44,739
TOTAL WHITES REGISTERED IN 6-WEEKS PERIOD		2,166

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IN CONSIDERING THESE REGISTRATION FIGURES, THE PURGING OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION ROLLS MUST BE INCLUDED, AS DUE TO FAILURE TO VOTE WITHIN A 4-YEAR PERIOD DISFRANCHISES A VOTER. DURING THE YEAR 1962, ACCORDING TO THE REGIRTRAR'S FIGURES, 753 PERSONS WERE PURGED FROM THE ROLLS. OF THIS NUMBER 655 WHERE WHITE PERSONS AND 98 PERSONS WERE NEGROES.

FOR THE YEAR 1963, ACCORDING TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, 416 WERE REMOVED FROM THE ROLLS; HOWEVER, THE REGISTRAR WAS NOT ABLE TO GIVE ME A BREAK-DOWN FIGURE AS TO HOW MANY OF THE 416 WERE NEGROES.

THE PURGE FIGURES ARE INCLUDED IN THIS ANALYSIS THAT IT MAY BE CLEAR THAT IN FACT, THE TOTAL REGISTRATION FIGURES OF WHITES AND NEGROES HAS SUFFERED REDUCTION BY THE PROCESS OF PURGING THE ROLLS FOR NON-VOTING.

IT IS MY OPINION THAT 15,000 NEGROES CAN BE REGISTERED IN CALCASIEU PARISH (COUNTY), LOUISIANA, AND UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE NEGROES HAVE A VOTING STRENGTH OF SOME 15,000, THEY WILL HAVE NO REPRESENTATION IN GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL SCLC CHAPTERS MAY BE THE ANSWER TO THE NEGRO VOTER-REGISTRATION PROBLEM, PROVIDING SUCH CHAPTERS ARE MADE UP OF THE EDUCATED YOUNGER-GENERATION OF NEGROES, AS THE EVIDENCE IS OVERWHELMING THAT AMONG THE OLDER GENERATION OF NEGROES, THE POLITICIANS MONEY, PRESTIGE, AND SMALL FAVORS FROM THE STATUS QUO GROUP HAS INFILTRATED THE RANKS WITH "UNCLE TOMS." TOO, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT WITHIN THE NEGRO COMMUNITY THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AS STRONGLY RACISTS AS THE BARNETT, WALLACE, PEREZ COMBINE.

FOR THE NEGRO COMMUNITY TO ACCOMPLISH A VOICE AT THE VOTING POLLS, IT IS NECESSARY THAT VOTER REGISTRATION BE A FULL-TIME PROJECT RATHER THAN MERELY A PRE-ELECTION-TIME PROJECT AS IT HAS BEEN THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.

- END -

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Southern Christian Leadership Conference — Organization

Daniel Harrell — Person reporting

Period covered by this report: From Oct. 7, 1963 to Oct. 13, 1963

334 Auburn Ave; Atlanta, Ga — Street Address

Lake Charles — City

Calcasieu — ~~County~~ Parish

Louisiana — State

Date submitted: 14 October 1963

Election District to which this report applies: Calcasieu Parish — Ward, Beat, etc.: All wards and precincts of the Parish — Precinct, election district, etc.

Day of the month:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
No.* contacted by door-to-door canvass							52	47	61	39	20	104	137																		
No.* contacted by other means (specify means)							0	0	0	0	0	0	0																		
No.* refusing to participate							0	0	0	0	0	0	0																		
No.* instructed at home							17	12	20	15	10	61	62																		
No.* instructed at clinics							6	8	16	4	7	20	0																		
No.* instructed at other places (specify places)							0	0	0	0	0	0	0																		
No.* applying for registration as a result of this program							12	9	12	7	20	0	0																		
No.* successfully registered by this project							8	5	9	5	12	0	0																		
No.* denied registration in this project							0	0	0	0	0	0	0																		

*Persons of voting age

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Southern Christian Leadership Conference — Organization

Daniel Harrell — Person reporting

Period covered by this report: From Oct 14 to Oct 21

334 Auburn Ave; Atlanta, Ga — Street Address

Lake Charles — City

Calcasieu — ~~County~~ Parish

Louisiana — State

Date submitted: Oct 23

Election District to which this report applies: Calcasieu — Ward, Beat, etc.

Lake Charles, West Lake, Sulphur, Brownsville, DeQuency — Precinct, election district, etc.

Day of the month:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
No.* contacted by door-to-door canvass														92	87	60	120	108	160	203											
No.* contacted by other means (specify means)														00	00	00	00	00	00	00											
No.* refusing to participate														00	00	00	00	00	00	00											
No.* instructed at home														31	41	20	60	00	80	59											
No.* instructed at clinics														11	15	8	11	73	7	00											
No.* instructed at other places (specify places)														00	00	00	00	00	00	00											
No.* applying for registration as a result of this program														8	12	9	7	20	00	00											
No.* successfully registered by this project														7	10	9	7	20	00	00											
No.* denied registration in this project														1	2	0	0	0	00	00											

*Persons of voting age

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Southern Christian Leadership Conf. — Organization

Daniel Harrell — Person reporting

Period covered by this report: From Oct 21 to Oct 27

334 Auburn Ave — Street Address

Lake Charles — City

Calcasieu — ~~County~~ Parish

Louisiana — State

Date submitted: Oct 30

Election District to which this report applies: Calcasieu Parish. — Ward, Beat, etc.: All wards — Precinct, election district, etc.: and precincts

Day of the month:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
No.* contacted by door-to-door canvass																					105	40	72	65	102	163	00				
No.* contacted by other means (specify means)																					00	00	00	00	00	00	00				
No.* refusing to participate																					00	00	00	00	00	00	00				
No.* instructed at home																					00	00	41	37	61	109	00				
No.* instructed at clinics																					22	9	10	8	11	20	00				
No.* instructed at other places (specify places)																					00	00	00	00	00	00	00				
No.* applying for registration as a result of this program																					22	9	10	8	11	15	00				
No.* successfully registered by this project																					21	9	10	8	11	15	00				
No.* denied registration in this project																					1	0	0	0	0	0	00				

Clerk 80
~~Interrupted~~ Home 248
Total 74 Regs 328

Total denied 1

*Persons of voting age

The numbers in column "successfully registered by this project" are people an unknown number of additional people have registered (using their own transportation) These people, sometime contact us. Other times they do not.

only 22.5 % of the people contacted are being registered.

1 denied

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION SCLC PERSON REPORTING Major Johns PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM 1 Oct 1963 TO 31 Oct 1963

STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY Rosedale ~~COUNTY~~ Parish Iberville STATE Louisiana DATE SUBMITTED: Nov 1, 1963

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 7th & 9th WARD, BEAT, ETC _____

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS	6	5	1	2	0	0	0	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	9	0	0	40	38	43	7	5	2	0	8	2	0	0
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS SPECIFY MEANS)	14					20	35					1	10	22			2			75	5		1				45	50			
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE																		1		5	4	2	2					1			
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME	6							6													1		1			1					
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	3	2	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	2										
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES)																					0										
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM	6							6				1			1						2		1		1						
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT	3							2				1			1						0		1		1						
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT	3							4													2										

*PERSONS OF VOTING AGE

Shreveport, Lousiana
October Report
James Brownlee

Recd 12/10/63

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For the last week and a half, I have held classes at the St. Rest Baptist Church. Our classes are very large since I am conducting the only class in Shreveport. Earlier in the year the registrar stated that they would allow only 40 persons per day to register, but due to my tremendous drive, I have conducted, there has been a number from 120 to 125 per day, and the majority were Negroes. I know this personally because I went to town daily, there were approximately 10 to 17 turned down and the majority of them were Negroes.

They are allowing Negroes to register but they insist on not having time, and the ones who will register will not vote. Education is no barrier, some are lazy and others are scared.

No other organization can take the credit because the NAACP is concentrating on membership boycotting downtown (using the slogan "ware rags until we get our freedom."). CORE is busy having evening classes on protection against policemen because they are planning demonstrations. SCLC is the only organization teaching voter registration.

These are the plans for Shreveport:

A. Organize registration schools in different sections of Shreveport: Belcher, Prenston.

B. Use volunteer workers, ministers and lady social clubs.

C. Block canvassers for three hours a day three days a week. Monday, Wednesday, Firday.

Other organizations have attempted to do this job but they leave.

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~~GEORGIA~~ Louisiana

JULY-AUGUST REPORT OF VOTER REGISTRATION

DANIEL HARRELL, FIELD SECRETARY

I. Three Voter Registration Clinics in Shreveport. Total registrations thirty (30)

A. Trinity Baptist Church Clinic under the instructions of Miss Willie C. Jackson - twenty-two registrations

B. First Baptist Church Clinic under the instructions of Rev. Daniel Harrell - seventeen (17) registrations

C. Willow Chute Baptist Church Clinic under the instructions of Mr. Ardis M. Johnson - eleven (11) registrations

D. All clinics are under directorship of Rev. Daniel Harrell

II. United Citizen Committee

A. Purposes

1. Negotiations between the white and Negro communities.

2. The formation of a bi-racial committee to solve local racial problems.

B. Organization

1. Committee consisted or representatives from national organizations - SCLC and NAACP

2. Representation from local churches, businesses, and interested citizens

C. Committee discontinued when purposes failed thereby dissolving itself into the local NAACP to carry out its functions

III. A mass meeting was called with Mr. Charles Evers guest speaker. A boycott was called on one local store and sit-in demonstrations on two others.

IV. Sit-in Demonstrations

A. Demonstration was organized by Mrs. Ann Brewster, Rev. Major Johns, Rev. Lavert Taylor, and Rev. Daniel Harrell

B. Purposes:

1. To test public eating facilities in Shreveport
2. To awaken local complacent citizens who believed all is well in Shreveport

C. Fifteen (15) people were arrested in demonstrations

1. Incarcerated were the four (4) leaders and eleven (11) followers
2. Period of incarceration was August 19 to August 31, 1963.

V. A state-wide Voter Registration Conference was planned by the tri-part (Major Johns, Lavert Taylor and Daniel Harrell) and held at Lake Charles, Louisiana on August 10 and 11, 1963.

VI. Day-by-day report from Plaquemine

A. August 12, 1963 - Arrived at Plaquemine and attended mass rally

B. August 13, 1963

1. Visited voter registration clinics
2. Initiated plans for re-organization of picketing at Food Town and West Brothers Stores
3. Visited prisoners (CORE workers)
4. Spoke at mass rally
5. Helped make plans for demonstration August 14.

C. August 14, 1963

1. Employed new plans in picketing at local stores - West Brothers and Food Town
2. Participated in communication to gather people for mass rally and demonstration
3. Participated in strategy meeting for last minute plans in demonstration
4. Helped control demonstration march
5. Participated in strategy meeting for getting workers out of jail
6. Spoke at mass meeting

D. August 15, 1963

1. Controlled picketing at local stores
2. Helped in final strategy for getting worker out of jail

E. August 16, 1963 - Controlled picketing at local stores

F. August 17, 1963 -

1. Helped plan wording for signs to be used in demonstration August 19, 1963
2. Returned to Shreveport.

s/Daniel Harrell

Report from Shreveport, Louisiana

Daniel Harrel, Field Secretary

September 10, 1963

Voter registration is still on the incline here in Shreveport, but is still below par. However, I have faith in the future of Shreveport. I do believe that their will be an appreciative voter increase by the time of the Presidential Election. During the week of September 2nd through the 6th, fourteen people were registered. I know that this number should be a single day's work but after viewing the circumstances, it shows that more people are becoming conscious of the importance of the ballot.

I have divided the Negro community of Shreveport, into five districts. The districts are divided into blocks. For each of these blocks there will be one captain and several workers. This canvassing process will utilize a large number of prople, however, for strategic success, I believe its employment will be a great advantage. The plans for strategic moves have been initiated and steps for their employment are presently being implemented. Although I will be going to Lake Charles to work, I believe Mr. Brownlee will continue the plans.

Louisiana
New Iberia

[redacted]

September 14, 1963
S.C.L.C. Committee On Voter Registration
8:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Jones who also offered the invocation.

We (Rev. Lavert Taylor, James Orange and I, Robert Seals) were introduced as "task force workers" to assist and help the people to register to vote.

Items discussed are as follows:

1. There is no Voter's League in New Iberia.

2. No problem with the Registrar's Office.

3. The committee will check the number of registered voters in the Parish.

4. The Registrar's Office through the local (news) paper warns registered voters in the Parish that if they failed to exercise their voting rights their names will be dropped from the list (registered voters).

5. There is a law that prohibits teachers from taking part in any "integration movement."

6. It was stated that the citizens (those present) would assist the committee (S.C.L.C.) in every way they can.

7. The S.C.L.C. Committee is trying to get all teachers to cooperate with (only 4 teachers and 1 principal were present) them.

8. Committees to help with the activity are:
   a. The Steering Committee
   b. The Publicity Committee

September 16, 1963

Posters were distributed throughtout the city, no—

A meeting with the Steering Committee was held.
Items discussed:

1. The problem of apathy and complacency that exists among the citizens of New Iberia.

2. The chances of having a mass meeting in the adjacent towns.

3. Possibilities of getting students to help by way of canvassing to stress the importance of voting to parents. It was also brought out that canvassing would be the same as soliciting against which there is a city ordinance.

4. It was discussed that there is a city ordinance forbidding the use of a P.A. system. Two members of the Steering Committee were sent to the City Council meeting to request a permit to convass and to use a P.A. system.

5. Some ministers said that they are willing to help in any way they can.

6. A principal stated that because of the jobs they have they are unable to work with the S.C.L.C. Committee openly.

7. Mr. Bolden suggested that the Committee speak to principals of the schools and with more local leaders.

8. The Superintendent of schools will be consulted next week.

October 8, 1963
New Iberia, La.

A conference with the Registrar of Voters, Mr. Ray Mullins.

Items discussed:

1. Mr. Mullins stated that there is no discrimination against anyone voting. However, the law requires that in order for citizens to become registered voters they must answer at least 4 out of 6 questions on the test.

2. The S.C.L.C. Committee asked Mr. Mullins to

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make a speech in a mass meeting. Mr. Mullins said that he could not appear unless it was before a local organization. Otherwise he could not make any appearances before any outside group.

Robert Seals, Field Assistant

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LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER REPORT OF VOTER REGISTRATION
DANIEL HARRELL, JR., FIELD SECRETARY

On Friday September 20, 1963, two voter registration clinics opened with the possibility of another the following Monday. We had high hopes that our efforts were beginning to pay off when the clinics began to produce. On Saturday, the following day, our class work actually began with a few people attending the clinic. We began organizing some youth to help canvass the community for registrations. The initial group canvassed Saturday and Sunday. We got out hand bills and distributed throughout the community along with the distributing of posters in local businesses and along the streets. Everything seemed to be going on well. We felt that even though the Co-ordinating Council offered opposition to our efforts, we still were making reasonable progress.

Our first major setback came on Monday, September 23, 1963. When we arrived at our clinic at the Mount Olive Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. White, instructed us that we could no longer use the church. His reason for the action was based on some phone calls from some preachers stating that we were professional demonstrators and that we were not working in accord with the Council. We explained our position, but evidence was revealed that Rev. Washington had talked him into taking such action. On this very same day we got nine registrations through our clinic at the Greater Saint Mary Baptist Church. Tuesday, the following day, the Ministers Union met. After the meeting Rev. House, pastor of the Greater Saint Mary Baptist Church, asked us to discontinue our classes at the church. He based his decision on pressure leveled on him by the Union. Rev. House stated that Rev. Washington had contacted

him concerning our clinic at the church, but he had refused to adhere because he felt that the job we were doing was an asset to the community and to the negro people. However, Rev. House stated pressure was brought on him from the Union and he had to live in the community, so to live harmoniously in the community he would have to go along with the Union. This ended our last church clinic.

We are now using a private house to hold our clinic. The rent for this house is five dollars a week plus utilities. I have employed a Mrs. Matelda Barte to assist in the project. Mrs. Barte is the other person you asked me to get. She has been active in community affairs for more than twenty years, and from her work with us she has proven to be most capable. Major Johns has Liz, Andrew and Hardy working with him at Plaquemane. Therefore, I only have two people working with me. Voter registration is increasing daily and I do believe that there will be an appreciable increase by November 6th.

s/Daniel Harrell, Jr.

LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER REPORT OF VOTER REGISTRATION
LAVERT TAYLOR

I contacted Mr. T. A. Bolden and a Dr. Seurlock Friday evening and they arraigned a meeting with some of the leading ditizens for Saturday night.

The meeting Saturday night was a very informal one. We sat around and discussed the problems here as they related to problems elsewhere. We discovered that the people of this tow met with no resistance when they go down to register. The problem is they aren't concerned enough to go down. From the group present I appointed a steering and publicity committee. After talking with this group I discovered that the people here (Negro's and white) are scared stiff at the thought of demonstrations here. One of the first questions at the meeting was "When are you planning to march?" I tried to make it clear to them that we aren't here to, in any way, change their social structure. We are here only to try and get the people of this parish to vote. This fear that they have was what prompted me to appoint the committees. I somehow feel that we'll have more success if I direct the committee and, in turn, the committee directs the drive.

As of now, these are my problems:

1. The Negroes are not interested in voting. The mayor, the registrar, and the members of the city council, all have endorced our program and said they will give us all the assistance we need. These Negroes just can't see why they should vote. I know, "It's up to me to show them the need."

2. We can't get a place to have mass meetings. The ministers are afraid that what has happened in Birmingham could happen here. So we can't find a place to have mass meetings or to conduct our classes. The committee is also trying to find a place for me to set up a temporary office.
3. We can't get through to the school children. I had hoped that I would be able to speak at an assembly program, but Bolden killed that. He said in the meeting that all teachers were scared. This built a wall between us and the principal of the high school. I'm still trying to get through to him. In the meantime, seeing as though I can't get a church, I'm going to get them to meet me at the cafe where we eat. This is the only place.
4. There is no Negro printer in town or close around. So if we should get a place for a mass meeting I might have to get you to have the handbills printed there and mailed in to us.

The fellows are proving to be very good workers. There are problems, however, with Seals more so than with Orange, but none are large enough to mention at this time. I do believe in time these will be ironed out.

I believe I might have missed something when I was telling you what I would like to get. If so, here we go again.

1. Some canvassing sheets.
2. Financial report sheets.

3. Information
    a. Requirements of Field Secretary
    b. Type of reports desired of Field Secretary
    c. Weekly or Monthly financial reports.
4. Personalized cards
5. Organizationly headed stationery (if possible)
6. Pamphlets related to S.C.L.C.

s/LaVert Taylor

LOUISIANA - SEPTEMBER
VOTER REGISTRATION REPORT
DANIEL HARRELL, FIELD SECRETARY

Hardy, Andrew and I arrived in Lake Charles Thursday Evening September 12. We spent the night at the Valley Hotel and nn Friday, September 13th, we found a more permanent place to stay.

Friday, we made several contacts with people heading the leadership of the colored community. Our first visit was to Rev. V. E. Washington, Vice-President of Calcasieu Co-ordinating Council, who took us to see the President, Rev. Mayes. We discussed the problems in Voter Registration with the two ministers and found the problems not to be at the Registrars office, but instead, with the colored people themselves. These problems, we found, to be complacency and apathy. We also found that there exists a split in the leadership of the colored community. This split is between the Calcasieu Co-ordinating Council and the Independent Democratic Association. After our conference with the two ministers, we stopped by the home of the Youth Director for the NAACP, Mrs. M. T. Brown. Mrs. Brown confirmed the split between the two organizations, and added that this was the reason for the poor representation from Lake Charles at the State Wide Conference held here in August. We stopped by the homes of several other persons of responsibility in Negro leadership. Among whom was Mrs. Corne, co-ordinating Chairman in Voter Registration for the Council. She explained her plan for the Voter Registration Drive, and we found it to have great possibilities. Mrs. Corne was most cordial, and accepted suggestions we gave

with Mrs. Corne being the general director of the Voter project. After this was agreed to, Rev. Washington intro- the argument that SCLC specialized in demonstrations; that Lake Charles did not want any demonstrations; that we were here on the invitation of Mr. Robinson; that we are here to cause unrest in the city; and that our help is not needed in Lake Charles. This argument was carried with high tension for more than an hour and finally another meeting was sat for Monday evening to settle the differences.

In the meeting held Monday evening Rev. Washington took the chair, acting as chairman inthe absence of the President. This we gather was a pre-arranged plan to hamper our efforts. Again we resumed our previous arguments, of which, ended in the decision not to accept our help at the present time.

After the meeting on Monday night Mr. Robinson, President of IDA, called a meeting of his staff and it was agreed to that we could work in voter registration through his organizatinn. This way we can maintain the cooperation from the registrar that we would not get as a civil rights organization, and still get the job done.

On Friday September 20th we organized two voter registratinn clinics, one at the Greater St. Mary Baptist Church; 1917 Harless St, and one at the Mount Olive Baptist Church, 600 Simmons St. We are to begin another clinic on Monday 13th of September at the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 300 North

her on details and specifics. (The use of captains and workers). Our last stop was the president of the Independent Democratic Association, Mr. Joseph Robinson. Mr. Robinson was most cordial and was grateful that SCLC was planning to help in voter registration at Lake Charles. From our discussion with him, we found that the plan the Council presented on Voter Registration was the best of the two. This ended our contacts.

The order of contact was based on information received from Major Johnd, people I talked with in Plaquemane, and the State Wide Conference.

In our discussion with Rev. Washington several things were revealed. Two of which he had ill feelings toward Major Johns for having the State Wide Conference against his wishes, and he felt that our coming to Lake Charles was on the invitation of the Independent Democratic Association. Rev. Washington felt, when Johns was planning the conference, the time was not right. He feels that the time is not right for our help here in voter registration. In fact, he feels that unless something comes to Lake Charles only on his invitationm it is never right in time or matter. I feel that Rev. Washington is a glory seeker, he is self-centered, a man of graft and that he will never appreciate outside help unless he sponsors it. Even seeing this man as I did, I tried to unite the two groups as a single unit, and work as single team in voter registration.

On Saturday night we had a meeting with the two organizations. The IDA agreed to work under the supervision of the Council

Blake. We are presently organizing the youth for canvassing the communities.

s/Daniel Harrell

LOUISIANA-SEPTEMBER, 1963

VOTER REGISTRATION REPORT

MAJOR JOHNS, FIELD SECRETARY

During the month of September we started a crash Voter Registration drive in an effort to register enough people to elect 12 (twelve) Negroes in the December 7th election.

SCLC's task force workers arrived here and began work September 30th. We have set up two clinics in Maringown and Crosse tete. Fromour success in canvassing I feel that we will be pretty successful. Also our first meeting was held at Southern University Thursday night. We had over 40 persons attending this meeting and at least six indicated that hey would register. We will continue this clinic.

In Rosedale, Maringown and Crosse tete we are canvassing this week and will begin day and night clinics next week. Tuesday we did take six persons to the registrar's office, of which three passed, one did not have identification, and two others failed.

The only trouble we are going to have is to get these people to the office to register once we have gotten them ready. Most of them are working on farms and during this season they are harvesting their crops.

I will send in a statistical report beginning next week.

s/Major Johns

Report from Iberia
Lamar ~~Robert~~ Taylor
October 1, 1963

On October 5 I arranged a meeting with the registrar for the eighth of October and began working toward a mass meeting in the surrounding towns.

On october 6, we had a meeting with some of the local leaders in Jeaneretta, Louisiana. The purpose of this meeting was to see if we might be able to arrange a mass meeting there as well as to begin a clinic.

On October 8, 1963 in the morning we canvassed. That afternoon we meet with the registrar. He appeared to be quite liberal and said that if there was anything he could do to help us all we had to do was to let him know. I believe that this was just a front. Later that afternoon we received a call from a society in Lafayette, Louisiana. They wanted to know if I could come over and speak at their meeting. The local citizens over there are conduction a drive of their own and they stated that it has been their desire for some civil rights group to send someone there to work with them.

On October 9 we spent the early part of the morning canvassing. That night we had our public meeting at the community center. The attendance was not what I had hoped it would be. This, I believe was because of an unknown PTA meeting. We did, however, accomplised several things. First of all, we found out that most of the citizens there were afraid of us and anyone connected with civil rights groups. To get by this, we formulated the

citizen's Progress league. Having as its heads two local doctors. We reemphasized the fact that we were here to work only on voter registration. Another meeting was set for the 15th of this month.

Registered Voters Parish of Iberia September 30, 1963

Ward	Precinct	Polling Place	White	Negro	Total
1	1	Patout's Store	121	236	357
1	2	Community Center-Weeks	308	138	446
2	1	Peebles School	457	136	593
2	2	Lalande's Bldg.	227	64	291
3	1	Decuir's Bridge House	286	66	352
3	2	Dore's Garage-Belair	309	208	517
4	1	Catholic Community Hall-Lor.	965	332	1 297
5	1	Coteau Church Hall	353	77	430
5	2	Henry Chastant's Store	288	69	357
7	1	Delcambre' Feed Store	461	0	461
7	2	Ledier Delcambre's Store	304	24	328
8	1	Old City Hall-Jeanerette	617	354	971
8	2	City Hall "	696	191	887
8	3	Borel's Garage "	685	255	940
9	1	Leonce Theriot's Store	296	99	395
9	2	War Memorial Bldg.-Avery Is.	236	33	269
9	3	Parish Barn-Avery Is. Rd.	331	81	412
6	1	Susan Terrell School	1 050	60	1 110
6	2	West End Recreation Center	98	805	903
6	3	Hopkins Street School	344	107	451
6	4	Romero Bros. Paint Store	416	168	584
6	5	Wildes Viator's Store	874	61	935
6	6	K of C Hall - Iberia St.	629	120	749
6	7	Polo's Food Store	753	5	758
6	8	Amanda Smith School	782	18	800
6	9	Hilda Roberts School	562	35	597
6	10	Robert Pesson School	345	238	583
6	11	Nina Gates School	419	105	524
6	12	Delahoussaye's Restaurant	558	21	579
6	13	Mt. Carmel Convent Gym	790	125	915
6	14	Community Center-City Park	715	0	715
6	15	Festival Building	580	0	580
6	16	Elizabeth Forgey School	682	0	682
6	17	Court House Basement	380	87	467
		Sept. 30, 1963 Total.....	16 917	4 318	21 235

Republicans....W-95 N-4 T-99 Independents....W-4 N-0 T-4

Illiterates.....W-1,511 N-1,582 T-3,093

On Sept. 1st 1963 The totals were 16,728 4,298 21,026

Report from Louisiana
October 14, 1963
Daniel Harrel, Field Secretary

I do believe that our program is finally on the road to success. As of Saturday October 12th, we began to include students from McNeese College to help in our canvassing. They will only be able to canvass on week ends, but their efficiency has and will prove to be an asset to the over all program.

Our voter registrations increased during the week of October 7th through the 14th. During this period thirty-nine people were added to the roll of Negro registered voters. I am still working toward 100 persons a day. I believe I will get it before the books close in November. Another clinic is being added to the three we already have. This clinic will be in DeQuency, Louisiana. We are to set up the clinic this evening.

Report from South Carolina
Benjamin Mack
October 14, 1963

As of today we have been able to hold three mass meetings in Jasper county and complete the organization of four of the organizations of four of its precincts. In these meetings plans were made for the organization of the seven remaining precincts as quickly as possible.

Attendance in these meetings were good, but the interest in registration among the general public is very low. Pamphlets and practice registration blanks were passed out to all that were present. The importance of registering in mass was discussed. Mr. Orr of Ridgeland lead in this presentation.

Volunteer workers were secured in each of these precincts and they too, were given what material we had available to work with. So far, we have not found any opposition that seems to be a real threat against Negroes registering in this area with the exception of an apparent slow down on part of the registrars, and of course, the one day a month that the books are open. These I do believe we will be able to over come.

We have an effort to attain this number of Negroes already registered in Jasper county. We do not know how reliable these figures are, but it seems that there are only 500 or 650 on the books out of the possible 3700. We have set a goal of 1000 in the next three months. Now, I am sure that this may not be as high as it should be for that length of time, but if we can come near that many we will be doing a good job for

this area.

I would like to add that the few SCLC teachers in this area have been of a tremendous help in getting this first registration drive under way.

Shortly, I will be sending you a list of precinct officiers that you may be able to send any information you think will be helpful. I feel that this may help stimulate some interests also.

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Report from Lake Chrales, Louisiana
October 18, 1963
Field Secretary, Jack Brady

Upon my arrival at New Iberia, Louisiana, on Thursday October 10, I was told by field representative Lavert Taylor that the meeting at which I was scheduled to speak was held on Wednesday evening, October 9, and that the attendance was very poor as only 10 people were present.

Mr. Taylor stated that he would like for me to spend some time with him as he had many problems within the ranks of the Negro community. I advised Mr. Taylor that since I had missed his meeting I would go to Plaquemine and return to New Iberia to address the group at his meeting which was scheduled to be held in the Negro Recreation center on Tuesday evening, October 15.

Upon my return to New Iberia on Tuesday morning, October 15, Mr. Lavert Taylor arranged a meeting in the office of Dr. Henderson where Taylor, Dr. Henderson, Dr. Shurlock, Mrs. Dorothy White and myself discussed the major problems confronting the New Iberia voter registration program. These citizens of New Iberia talked freely with me since I had told them that some 17 years ago I was the managing editor of the Daily Iberian, which is the daily newspaper at New Iberia, Louisiana. I was advised as to non-action of the Negro leaders and of their being controlled by the local political powers. The "Uncle Tom's" of the

community were discussed and it was suggested that I meet with Rev. C. V. Jackson who is principal at the A. B. Simon Elementry Public School of the Iberia Parish (county) school system.

Having being briefed as to what has transpired concerning the Negroes of the community, Dr. Henderson telephoned Rev. C. V. Jackson and merely stated that "a Jack Brady who was one of the editors of the Daily Iberian newspaper was in town and would like to come over to the school to talk with him." I was told that Mr. Jackson would see me at 1:30 p. m.

Mrs. White, Lavert Taylor and I called at the principal's office and it seemed that Rev. Jackson was not at all comfortable when I asked him why something hadn't been done for the Negroes of New Iberia. I had noted that the rest rooms in the city hall and the courthouse were segregated today, just as they were 17 years ago. The pseudo-leader had no answer for the question. I then asked if they had a bi-racial committee in New Iberia. He stated that the mayor had started to get a committee together last May, but he hadn't heard anything more of it. I asked Rev. Jackson if he had been appointed as one of the members of the biracial committee. He stammered somewhat, and replied that he wasn't going to say that he was or was not a member. I told Jackson that action toward the betterment of conditions for Negroes was long overdue, and if the

bi-racial committee couldn't get to functioning, it might be necessary to take other action. I related that I had found that some of the self-stiled Negro leaders had sold out to the politicians, and that so far as I was concerned the day of the Uncle tom's hoodwinking the Negro masses was a thing of the past. Rev. Jackson said he knew what i had heard about him, and that he know that sooner or later his day would come and someone would come to see him. I told him that we either had constitutional government or we did not, and that as long as the constitution provided equal rights for the Negro. I was going to devote my life to seeing that the Negro got everything the U. S. constitution provided.

Lavert Taylor told principal Jackson that there had been strong opposition to the SCLC voter registration program at New Iberia, and that he had no cooperation from the Negro leaders of the community. Taylor told the vicious whispering campaign telling the local Negroes not to have anything to do with those SCLC outsiders as they were freedom riders who had come to New Iberia to cause trouble. I told Rev. Jackson that freedom was everyone's job and if I was interested in the Negroes cause, certainly he should be.

School principal Rev. Jackson finally began to talk. He said that he was interested in the Negroes cause, and that he would tell us that there definately would be a bi-racial committee formed that would bring about some immediate action for the benefit of the Negroes in the community.

We told Rev. Jackson of the great need for acess to a

memeograph machine to get out bulletins and announcements to the Negroes, and asked if it might be possible to use the memeograph machine at his school. He told us that Mr. Taylor could use it on Saturdays. Then I asked Rev. Jackson if there was any way in which he might aid Mr. Taylor in getting high school students to help with a house to house canvass on weekends. Rev. Jackson promised us that he would contact the high sc ook principal the next day about getting pupils to help with the canvass.

I told Rev. Jackson that we appreciated a positive statement that something would be done in behalf of the Negro immediately, and that we wouldn't take any more of his time.

When the meeting got underway in the recreation center on Tuesday evening, October 15, the Rev. Jackson was in the audience. Upon visiting some of the Negroes engaged in business in New Iberia, I learned that in addition to being a preacher with church, an elementry school principal, Reverend Jackson owns a filling station and a taxi company.

A total of 59 persons attended the meeting. In answer to a direct question the Negro businessmen were very glad to have an opportunity to express themselves. My questions and their answers were.

Question: In your opinion is Rev. Jackson attempting to help the Negroes?

Answer: No, He is getting a handout from the sheriff.

Question: Why do you think as you do about Rev. Jackson?

Answer: He's in the clique. Rev. Jones is the only one of the preachers who will stand up for the Negro.

Question: What are the reasons for the Negroes not taking an active part in the voter registration program and the civil rights movement in general?

Answer: They're afraid of losing their job. Threats from the politicians. The Politicians buy the Negro leaders.

In additional to questions and answers that seemed pertinent, there was some comment as to dislike of the manner in which some of the personnel conducted themselves.

The records of the Iberia Parish registrar of voters reflected that there are three precincts in ward 6 that had no Negroes registered. The breakdown is as follows:

Princinct 14-Community center, City park
Registered voters- 713 White- 0 Negroes
Princinct 15- Festival Building:
Registered voters 571 White- 0 Negroes
Princt 16 Elizabeth Forgey School
Registered Voters 658 White 0 Negroes
Registered Voters-658 White 0 Negroes

Registered voters for Iberia Parish, as of 31 of August 1963.

White	6879
Negro	2364
Total	9243

It is my recommendation that the voter registration program be continued at New Iberia during the period that the registrar's books are closed from Novermer 6 to December 8, as great gains in the schooling of potential voters may be made with the use of high school students who will volunteer their services in canvassing the entire community. I am going to return to New Iberia on October 24 to determine what progress has been made.

REPORT FOR LOUSIANA- Lake Charles
From: Daniel Harrell
October 23, 1963

Voter Registration is study improving in Lake Charles and through the parish. We had very good results in our drive in DeQuency. Of the number of people schooled, we had more than seventy-five percent to go to the registrar's office and register. Of the number of people that applied for registration, more than ninety-nine percent passed. An example of what is being said: twenty-one our of twenty-two passed the examination for voter registration. Our success, I believe, is based on the effiency of Mrs. Daniels' instructions, the cooperation of the local people, and the cooperation of the Registrar. My wish is that all of Calcasieu Parish was as cooperative as the segment DeQuency.

Mrs. Matilda Bartie, another worker, who is helping a great deal in our drive in voter registration has exhibited a great deal of effiency in the overall program. For Mrs. Bartie, I would like to request one hundred dollars to take care of her expenses for the month of October.

We are opening another clinic at Venton and if we get the cooperation from the local people there that we got at DeQuency, we will increase voter registration greatly in the Parish.

Field Report, Daniel Harrell
Lake Charles, Louisiana
October 27, 1963

Voter registration is still getting better in Lake Charles. A great deal of the opposition we met when we first arrived at Lake Charles are beginning to be subdued. We are having less and less opposition from the Council. We have proven ourselves and the leaders of the Council are loosing ground. Some of its workers have come to our clinic for instructions on canvassing, none instructions on voter registration, and conducting clinics. Until some few days ago, the Council did not do much more than collect names of non-voters on Parish.(city. The workers did not know how to give instructions on voter registration not adequately fill out the voter registration form themselves. Now that the key workers of the Councils have been schooled on the arts of voter registration. I do hope that it will do something constructive for a change.

We have opened another clinic in Vinton and having a reasonable degree of success. We are opening another clinic in Mossville Monday, and one in Iowa Wednesday. The clinic in Iowa will be our seventh clinic for the Parish and will show, along with the other clinics a coverage of the Parish. If we could get at least ninety percent of the world, but unless we take the people by the hands and lead them to the registrar's office as would let us, but this is far less than the potential. However, our percentage is increasing daily. With the help of God we shall

succeed. It is his will that we succeed.

We can see evidence of success in our efforts here. Knowledge of our presence and work in spreading through the parish, and people from all communities are contacting us and asking for our help in their communities's program that is s owing great potential. The system in our crash community employ local people in a house to house canvass, set up a clinic, cary as many people with a program for continued registrations. We then move to another community following the same procedure. This system seems to be working fine.

Field Report
October 27, 1963
Jack Brady

Upon my arrival at the SCLC office at New Iberia, Louisiana On thursday October 24, 1963, I heard a number of complaints and learned that there was much dis-unity within the ranks of the SCLC staff members. Upon listening to an open discussion of complaints, I advised the three staff members that there was a big job to be d ne at New Iberia, and there would have to be complete harmony among the three staff members if they were to accomplish that which needed to be done.

Thursday night the Roman Cat olic Priest, several of the Negro supporters of the SCLC voter registration program, and myself, spoke to a group of some 70 persons assembled in the catholic recreation hall.

Field representative for SCLC's New Iberia project, Lavert Taylor, repeated what he had previously told me via long distance telephone, that the city SCLC meetings could no longer be held in the New Iberia recreation center due to the "Political nature of the meetings." Due to theaction by the city officials, 14 people in the audience filled-in cards "volunteer for voter registration crusade," offering their services to canvass the town.

A report from the state board of registrars for the state of Louisiana on October 23, reported the registered voters in Louisiana, as follows.

Total number registered	1,125,614
Total White registered	971959
Total Negroes registered	153,655

As of September 30, the report stated, "percentage of registered White voters as 86.3 and 13.7 per cent Negro.

When the registrar's books are closed on November 6, I shall obtain the figures on the total number of registered voters from which it will be possible to determine how many Negroes have been registered in recent months.

It is my opinion that arranging for hall and other group-meeting details take a great amount of time that could be used to canvass house-to-house and obtain additional names to the registered voter rolls. I advised Mr. Taylor that a weekly mass meeting seemed well and good in a case where the community was generally unconcerned, but there are indications that with 14 people volunteering to help with the canvassing a goodly number of people could become informed of the project through the house-to house- word-of-mouth, thereby, contacting far more people than there were in attendance at the group meetings. Mr. Taylor advised me that there would be another meeting on next October 31, which is halloween. When asked if I could be in New Iberia for the meeting of October 31st, I stated that I didn't know whether or not I would be able to attend.

Field Report from Louisiana

Juanita Daniels

October 30, 1963

The voter registration drive is now showing tremendous progress here in Lake Charles and surrounding area's. We held a clinic in Dequincy, Louisiana, on the 18th, 21st and 22nd of this month. Which we had 28 people to register. We had to hire extra cars to take them from Dequincy to Lake Charles to the court house. We had wonderful cooperation from the Voters League. They welcomed us with a smile and was more than glad to get our help because they didn't know how to began teaching them. Some of the members of the Voters League has been registered so long they weren't familiar with the present forms.

We also started a clinic in Vinton, Louisiana. Saturday there we got 20 people registered. We are now working in Mossville, Louisiana. So far, we only got four registered, but we just started yesterday. It will be better I hope, in fact, I just had two to come in for instructions. We are working pretty hard but I don't mind the hard work as long as I can see some progress being made. There is still a lot to be done, but thank God it seems as if we have begun.

Report from Iberia, Louisiana
Lavert H. Taylor
October 30, 1963

The month of September was mostly a month of traveling. There was the trip from Plaquemine to Savannah back to Plaquemine then back to Iberia. After getting started here I went home hoping to pick up my car. I arrived in Shreveport on the 21 of September. The car was not ready and would not be ready until the following Monday. So I had to stay over the weekend. That Sunday the local NAACP had planned a memorial march for the youngsters that were killed in Birmingham. They had asked for and were denied a permit to march six blocks. (From one church to another.) They said that they would march with or without the permit. There were about 200 police officers around the church that day. I called Rev. Young and he told me to stay around and see what would develop. As the marchers started from the first church they were turned around by the city police. They then took an alternate route and marched to the second church. There were about 400 in the march. As the people reached the church, others begin to come from the church to see if they had made it. There were a number of spectators standing around on porches and lawns of the surrounding homes. As the marchers entered the church the police begin to assemble about a block from the church. They then marched down to the church and begin forcing people into the church with the buts of rifles, with horses, and with cattle proders. After the front of the church was filled they then begin to move the people off of

their lawns and poarches. Those that refused to go into their homes were either beaten or arrested. After the meeting several members of the CORE youth were beaten and arrested. The commissioner of public saftey, then came into the church and pulled the president of the local NAACP (Rev. Harry Blake) from the church into the streets where he and several police officers begin to beat him. They beat him for about ten minutes and then left him there. They did not arrest him. The following day a group of about 300 students marched from the Booker T. Washington school. They were stopped about a block from the school by police officers who begin to beat them. They chased the students back to the school, and begin to beat the one's that were standing around. When the principal came out to see what was wrong they begin to beat him. They beat the assistant principal, one of the teachers and several of the students. The following day the students at the junior high school begin to march. They too were stopped by the police. I was asked to conduct a workshop. This led to a conflict with the local NAACP, Mr. Laws the regional representative of the NAACP was very much concerned as to who would pick up the tab. As a result of this, we couldn't see eye to eye on anything. I determined that trying to work with the NAACP as long as he was there would be totally impossible.

Report from Plaquemine, Louisiana
Miss Elizabeth Hayes, Field Secretary
October 31, 1963

I have been assigned to work in Marigyn. Here we have a clinic centrally located in this city. We have canvassed all the homes located near the clinic. It is very difficult to canvass this area because the homes are so far apart. This makes it difficult to canvass especially for two people without transportation.

Another problem that we have encountered in this area has been canvassed recently. There is a section of this community where quite a few newly-weds have moved in, and we were able to persuade a few of them to register.

The record stands as follows:

Monday	21	all registered
Tuesday	16	2 not registered
Wednesday	10	4 not registered
Thursday	18	2 not registered
Friday	12	1 not registered
Saturday (half day)	6	3 not registered

This gave us a clinic attendance of 12 for last week. I also have night classes in the clinic for those who are working in the day time. My clinic hours are 9:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. for the day clinic. 6:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. for the night clinic.

From 4:30 p. m. to 6:30 p. m. I have somewhat of a citizenship class. I have one very interesting case. This is a young woman

who is 21 years of age and is mentally handicapped. Her mentality is that of about a 10 year old to my estimation. I suppose, I m saying this becausd of her determination. I have four other students in this citizenship class. They all need special help. They can neither read or write.

I am also working with Major Johns as it relates to his campaign. I have printed a few signs to be distributed throughout the community in my spare time. We have also visited a few churches in connection with his campaign.

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S.C.L.C. * FIELD REPORT

(Weekly Tabulations)

PARISH Iberville PERIOD October 21-27

SPECIFIED AREAS Rosedale, Grosse Tete, Maringouin

ACTIVITY	M	T	W	TH	FRI	SAT	SUN	TOTAL
Persons contacted by door-to-door canvassing	25	39	56	28	17	10	0	175
Persons contacted at Regular Church Meetings	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	120
Persons Instructed at Clinic	17	19	9	5	3	1	0	54
Persons Applying for Registration	5	9	9	2	3	0	0	28
Persons Registered	3	5	0	2	1	1	0	12
Persons Denied Registration	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Persons held at Clinic because of unreadiness	2	4	0	0	2	1	0	9

P.S.- If you remember, we informed you that we have combined our areas and we are under the impression that our work is much more effective this way. It enables us to get more done and the results are much greater. We only hope that you are pleased.

Your Committee on Voter-Registration

Report from Virginia
October 31, 1963
Herbert Coulton, Field Secretary

I have worked in Danville, Virginia throughout the registration drive which began July 10th and ended October 5th. (I actually arrived in Danville to set up some organizational structure in June.)

During this period, the Registrar's Office was opened five days a week and was closed five days for vacation, one day for an out-of-town meeting and one day for a holiday, which was Labor Day.

According to our files and the Registrars books, we were able to get 753 persons registered. These figures show that an increase of over 33% was derived. The books will open again November 6, and with the Citizenship schools in process and preparation for more demonstrations underway, I am hopeful that we will increase registration over 50%.

During the books closed period, I have contacted key people in areas that we hope to conduct drives during the coming months. They are: Rev. Virgil Wood and Mr. Thronhill in Lynchburg, Virginia, Dr. Hugo Owens and his group in Portsmouth, Virginia, Mr. Moses Reddick and the Indipendent Voter's League of Suffolk, Virginia, Mr. David Gunter and Mr. H. E. Fauntleroy, Jr. of the Petersburg Improvement association. Several visits have been made to each place, and the meetings were very fruitful.

As you prehaps know, Rev. Woods will be leaving Lynchburg. He has highly recommended Mr. Thronhill who is in charge of Voter Registration, for the Lynchburg improvement association. Mr. Thronhill will let me know what kind of assistance he would like from us.

Lynchburg recently had a Voter Registration Drive. I do not have the figures as of this moment, but I will relay them as soon as they are forwarded to me.

Mr. Moses Riddick, a politician in his own right, is running for office in Nasemond county, and is at present a busy man. He is the Executive Secretary of the Independent Voter's League.

I have been to Portsmouth 3 times with the last time being October 10th. I met with Dr. Hugo Owens a dentist who has given much to the struggle in Portsmouth. I met with a group called the central forum which consist of 16 leagues which includes, Chespeka county. I also met with Mr. O. W. King who is a retired citizen and leader of one of the leagues; and Rev. S. A. Raines who is president of the Minister's Union.

I suggested that we could include the high school students to help in our next project. They throught that this was a good idea. Mr. King will meet with the principal og the high school in Portsmouth and Rev. Raines will see the principal at Chesapeke. They also want me to meet with them. I did along with Mr. David Gunter, President of the PIA and Mr. H. E. Fauntleroy, a high school teacher and fomer director of picketts in the city.

The youth organized themselves and are ready to go to work. I told them about the situation in Danville and the work that had been done by the students. This stimulated them and with Dorothy Moore and Gladys Giles telling them some of the things that they were confronted with, they are ready.

Mr. Fauntleroy has gotten a commitment from the Petersburg Teachers Association, all the Negro teachers in the city, and they have promised to canvass or do anything that needed to be done after school. This is the first such commitment that I have ever recieved from an educational group. The Girl and Boy Scouts are also going to help. One faternal group is in the fold and we are hopeful to get the rest of the fraternities and sororities in the fold.

A youth meeting will be held Saturday, October 12th, at the office in Petersburg. Things are moving and I'm hoping that added interest will be mounting when the books open.

Report from Talladega, Alabama
October 1963
Albert Dunn, Field Secretary

I arrived in Talladega, Alabama October 1, 1963. I made contact with Miltin S. Hurst. After making housing arrangements I went with Mr. Hurst to contact other persons. I met Mr. Robert Strickland and Rev. E. M. McNair, who is chaplin of Talladega College. I went to a Bapist meeting where I was introduced to all of the Baptist preachers. I made an appeal for cooperation and unity on the part of all of the leaders for full equality in every face of our lives and I put special emphasis on the ballot.

I was invited to join a delegation of Talladega citizens going to Tuskegee, Alabama for a meeting on Human relations On return to Talladega, a meeting was held in Lincoln Alabama establishing voter registration clinics. The chairman for this program is Robert Britt.

The main problem is apathy. I understand that this has been true of the ministers also, but they seem to be waking up. A number of ministers live outside and we are commuting pastors. However, I have made connections with a few of the local Negro ministers. I have been doing a random sample of the community to estimate the feeling and attitude of the citizens.

I also attended a session of the local council of human relations where the Rev. James Bevel was the keynoter.

I met with a group of college students who have agreed to help canvass the community to see who are registered.

I went down to talk to the registrar and she informed me that they don't turn down anyone who comes in to register. She said also that she would take a few everyday.

Louisiana, October 1963
Voter Registration Report
Juanita Daniels, Field Secretary

I am happy to say that for the month of September we had a total of 106 Negroes to register here in Lake Chrales.

We have opened two other clinics, one in Sulfur and one in West Lake. Last night we had sixteen students in Sulfur. These students registered last week.

I didn't realize that there were so many illiterate people in this city. Most of them are young people. Our biggest problem is that these young people are illiterate and do not want to be helped. I am using every method I know to show them the value of learning to read and write.

We will canvass in West Lake today, October 13, 1963. I am sure we will be successful because we have full co-operation there.

I am enjoying my work and more than happy to be a part of SCLC.

LOUISIANA-OCTOBER, 1963
VOTER REGISTRATION REPORT
DANIEL HARRELL, FIELD SECRETARY

Voter Registration in Lake Charles is on the incline. According to the Registrar of Voters, they have had to work two shifts daily to be able to keep up the registrations. She has also stated that during the last week her office has been almost flooded with people for registration. For last month's total there were 484; 378 whites and 106 colored. Most of the colored registered during the last two weeks of the month. Of the thirty-seven people we sent and carried to the Registrars office, thirty-one passed. That is a good percentage, I believe. However, there should be more passing because they get a very good break from the registrar. You may not believe this, but every individual that takes the test and fails the first time has a chance to take the test a second time before leaving the office. This I don't believe you will find in any other parish in the state. So you see the Registrar is not the reason for the low number of registrations in the parish.

We now have three clinics. One in Lake Charles, one in Sulphur, one in West Lake, and another clinic is planned for Brownsville, a subdivision of Lake Charles. Our clinic at Lake Charles is opened from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday; the one in Sulphur from 7:00 P.M. until 9:00 Mondays and Tuesdays; and the one in West Lake is opened Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. We have eight youths working daily as canvassers in the Lake Charles area. Mrs. Bellow and Mrs. Williams are the instructors for the Sulphur clinic, and Mr. Gullory is instructor for the West Lake clinic. All of these people are volunteer workers. Of course, I feed the children

each evening after they get through canvassing, (sandwiches and coke). Mrs. Matilda Bartie, a person that I have chosen to help in all phases of our program, is one worker I would like to be placed on a twenty-five dollar a week salary. Mrs. Bartie is spending full time in the program and has been a great help in our drive. I would like her salary to begin as of September 23, 1963. Your consideration on this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Registrations for this are as following: Clinic attendance fifty-eight; people taken to the office of registration, twenty-eight; people passed, nineteen. We have decided to employ another system on getting people registered. It should prove quite an instrument in our drive. This system will employ the use of study cards, (a study card is submitted). We started this system on Friday, and I do believe that it will make possible a one-hundred a registration. We will need all the transportatio we can get to make this most effective. We have already gotten Mr. Jack Brady's and Mrs. Bartie's cars to work in this program. From the research made Friday, we find that we can register a person (show one how to fill out the form and give him a card with the correct answers to the forms to use in registering) in approximately one hour.

Activities outside of voter registration: The lunch counters at five local stores have been desegregated, (Kress, Woolworth, Walgreens, Newberrys and Mullers), and we are frequenting them daily to make sure that they stay that way.

s/Daniel Harrell, Jr.

Report from Louisiana
Jack Brady, Field Secretary
November 1, 1963

From its beginning the SCLC voter registration program at Lake Charles, Louisiana, has been confronted with vicious, under-mining opposition from Rev. Victor Washington and his organization know as the Calcasieu coordinating committee. Rev. Washington is a self styled Negro leader who has the president of the local chapter of NAACP, Lawrence Conley, directly under his domination. Rev. Washington has lead the local political office holders that he is in a position to deliver a bloc vote of the Negro community, and has, the white political candidates, received special consideration, including money, from the political who are interested in maintaining the status quo.

In the spring of this year, 1963, I was told by a Negro attorney-at-law, that the reason the Negro leaders have sold out to the politicians; some of them are receiving $100 and $125 dollars per month from the sheriff, plus a deputy sheriff's commission. This same source of informaton advised me that " a voter registration program is badly needed in Lake Charles and Calcasieu Parish".

At the voter registration conference that was held at Lake Charles, Louisiana, on Saturday and Sunday, August 10th and 11th, a member of Rev. Washington's group had been working for a year on voter registration. As of September 24, 1963

there was evidence that the Calcasieu coordination committee had not been active in getting negroes to register to vote, The following figures will reflect it.

Total Number of register voters in Calcasieu Parish:

White-44,739

Negro 7,484

total 52,233

The records of the Calcasier Parish registrar reflect that in fact, there are only 200 more registered Negro voters in the Parish than there were 10 years ago.

Today, as at the beginning of SCLC's taking an interest in the plight of the Negro population in the Lake Charles-Calcasieu Parish area, Rev. Washington and his small Calcasueu coordinating committee followers, along with the members of his church congregation whom he has been able to brainwash, The SCLC effort is a "Bunch of outsiders," "Trouble makers," who are here demonstrating and to turn the peacable city of Lake Charles into another Birmingham.

After the voter registration conference of August 10th and 11th, in an effort to make it appear that those outsiders haves stirred up racists, the NAACP president of the local chapter announced through the Local newspaper that some had burned a cross on the lawn of his home. Upon reading of this happening I went immediately to the home of the NAACP president Lawerence Conley. Mr. Conley refused to answer the door, but came to a window whid had the venetian blind closed, and asked "Who's there?" I said, this is Jack Brady, you know me, I had the Beacon newspaper for several years. Mr. Conley said yes I

know you. I told him that I had read his statement of the cross-burning and would like to talk with him. He said that he Didn't care to talk and that he had nothing to say. I asked him where did the cross burn because I didn't see a burned place in his yard. The newspaper said that he put the fire out with his garden hose. He replied "O, they burned it out in the street, not in the yard. I said, "Do you have the cross? Mr. Conley replied, "No, I don't know what happened to it."

Upon another to the local attorney at law, to discuss the possibility of his taking legal action in regard to "unlawful arrest and detention" of negroes, the attorney assured me he would file such a lawsuit if the expense of such action could be taken care of. Two, I was told by this negro attorney that he had threaten the local Negro leaders. The business community and the political office-holders with everything from CORE, SNCC, NAACP and everything else, and that they had agreed to integrate five downtown lunch counters at Mulller's department dyotr, Woolworth's Walgren's, J. J. Newberry and S&H Kress Store on Tuesday, September 17.

I was told that this integration was to be kept strictly on a hush-hush and that the radio station, television and newspaper had agreed to keep it out of the news. I was present at all 5 of the lunch counters and there were no incidents of any kind. Strange, but true, upon visiting the lunch-counters each day, including Saturdays, I found that no Negroes were frequenting the available services of these integrated places. Upon investigation, I learned that the Negro community in general knew nothing of the integration, and that Rev. Washington had had the Negro school principals announce to their pupils

that the down town lunch counters had been integrated, but don't go there as there may be serious trouble. There is evidence that Rev. Washington and his special clique were the only members of the Negro community who were to enjoy the integrated lunch counters, and that the intent was only token integration, which would put Rev. Washington forces in a position to say that we'v integrated the lunch counters down town Lake Charles, and we don't need these outsiders in our town.

Since the Rev. Washington group has been successful in installing fear in the minds to the people, as of today, the Negroes are not frequenting these lunch counters that are available to them. One of Rev. Washington's workers stated on Thursday October 17, that "We only wanted token integration; think how bad it would look if all the seats at a lunch counter were filled with negroes. This statement came from a Negro, and you may be sure that I told him in no un-certain terms that such a statement was characteristic of the Uncle Tom's of the Negro community. Within the past three weeks, SCLC's Daniel Harrel Juanita Daniels, and myself, have integrated Tom & Mack's drive in at Lake Charles,without incident.

Just as Rev. Washington has used his influence with other preachers to have clincies, I have learned that it was due to Rev. Washington that the voter registration conference of August 10 and 11, was denied use of the Pine Street USO Building and Protestant Negro Church Building.

On Friday, September 20, I received a telephone call that a negro youth group would meet at the Negro USO building on

Pine Street at 7:00 p. m. on Saturday evening, September 21, I stated that I desired to attend such a meeting.

Upon my arrival at the designated place, after standing inside for some few minutes, someone from within a glassed office motioned me to come in. Within the confines of the office I was asked, "Are you looking for someone?" I replied that I replied that I had been told that a Negro youth meeting would be held in that location. This inquisitor said, I want you to meet Reverend Washington. Seated behind a desk, Rev. Washington stood and we shook hands. Rev. Washington, said, "who did you say you are looking for?" I repeated my previous statement. Rev. Washington said, what negro youth? I said, "A civil rights group. Rev. Washongton said, why do you want to meet with them, what's your interest in civil rights? I stated that the down-town lunch counters had been integrated and that for the past several weeks I had visited these places and found that no Negroes were frequenting these lunch counters, and that it was my intention to meet with these young people and tell that such places were integrated, and that if they didn't start frequenting such places, the process of integration would have to be done all-over again.

Rev. Washington said, "I don't know of any youth in Lake Charles." The truth is that Rev. Washington does know of a youth group, headed by a young man who is a senior in premedical school at Mcneese State College, Lake Charles, Louisiana. This youth leader is completely dominated by Rev. Washington, and is going steady with NAACP president, Lawerence Conely. Rev. Washington and I had an heated argument during my visit. I stated,

among other things, that it was my opinion that nothing had been done for the Negroes in Lake Charles for the Negroes. Rev. Washington, said, "we don't need any of you outsiders to help us!" I said, don't call me an outsider; I live here, and probably know the Negro situation in Lake Charles as well as you do. You are but one of the leaders. Since you say you've done such a good job for the Negroes, just how many Negroes have you gotten registered in the last six months? After stammering a bit, the Rev. Washington, said, "well, we're just getting started on voter registration." However, I recalled that the person at the voter conference back in August had said the Calcasier coordinating committee had been registering people here for over a year.

Rev. Washington denounced Major Johns, Joseph Robinson of the Independent Democratic Association, and the outsiders who had come to town. He stated that SCLC sent a man named Harrel to Lake Charles, but I told him quick that he had better leave town at once. Realizing that to argue with Rev. Washington was fruitless, and his resentment of being presented facts, I arose to leave and said, Rev. Washing I want you to know that it is most disappointed to have Negroes come to me and tell me that some of their Negro leaders are on the sheriff's paroll; and as soon as I get all the facts, you may be assured that I am going to expose these Uncle Tom leaders to their own people. The Rev. appeared to be most unhappy as to my statement.

SCLC's Daniel Harrell advised me that upon his arrival in in Lake Charles, the Rev. Washington had called him on the phone and asked he attend a meeting with Rev. Washington and others. Among the other people present, Daniel says the

the Negro Attorney, Leo McDaniels, of whom I have spoken, agreed with Rev. Washington's saying he didn't want any outsiders in Lake Charles, and that Attorney McDaniels told Mr. Harrell that If Harrell didn't leave town at once that he, (McDaniels) would be on a plane the next day going to atlanta and make Martin Luther King take Harrell out of Lake Charles. There is any amount of a vicious conspiracy against the rank-and-file of the Negro population by the false leaders who seemingly put community-position and money above the interests of their own Negro people. A Negro remarked to me that, "It looks likd all of the educated Negroes in Lake Charles are Uncle Toms." It appears that this man is rather well informed on existing conditions.

On Tuesday, October 8, I suggested that Daniel Harrell go to the Laborers' Union No. 207, where there are many Negroes assembled each morning, hoping to get a day's work. Mr. Harrell and I went to this Union Hall at 6:30 a. m. and found some 100 un-employed Negroes there. We had hoped that among this group we might get five or ten of the un-employed to assist us in house-to house canvassing for people to register to vote, since the cause of the Negro was their interest. Mr. Harrell was getting several interested in the work, when the Union's business agent, for organized labor is a member of Rev. Washington's church. Did you in any sense entertain the idea that there was even such a thing as freedom of speech at a union hall, I asked Mr. Harrell?

Due to the efforts of Mr. Joseph Robinsin of the independent

democrats association, through his daughters who attend McNease State College, more and more young people are taking part in the House-to-House canvassing project. On Saturday, October 19, we were canvassing in the area of the so-called Negro Youth Leader, Clyde Ladd; Mr. Ladd saw some of the young people calling at the homes in the area where he lives, and came running across a field to ask "what are you doing in this area?" When told that we were the Lake Charles unit for the SCLC voter registration program Mr. Ladd again repeated the old line that Rev. Washington uses about "outsiders." Clyde Ladd said, Andy young might tell the Negroes of Alabama what to do, but this is Lake Charles, not Alabama, and Andy Young isn't going to tell these Negroes what to do to the local leaders and we'll tell them what they can do. It appears that Rev. Washington and his Youth-group stooge are interested in maintaining a little Negro empire which can be manipulated and exploited to their liking. I don't hesitate to tell you that I expressed my opinion to Mr. Ladd, and as to his "outsider" blabber, I told him that the moment Mr. Harrell or anyone else crossed the state-line and entered Louisiana they immediately became taxpayers of Louisiana when they made a purchase of gasoline, cigaretts, or anything else, since Louisiana collects a sales tax that benefits all Louisian communities. I asked that he make some attempt to straighten out his thinking if he was going to try to lead.

Since Daniel Harrell is receiving better cooperation from the younger set insofar as volunteering for canvassing, and the fact that he has schools established and functioning nicely at

Charles, West Lake, Sulphur and Dequincy, Louisiana, I would suggest that these clinics remain in operation before and during the period of time (30 days) tjat tje registrar's books are closed before the primary election, so that the canvassing and schooling may prepare additional people for registering and voting in the general election, as well as the Presidential election.

I begins to appear that the so-called Negro leaders lose some of their influence when a "white-skin" such as myself openly, and in the presence of other Negroes, tell the uncle toms they are traitors to the cause of the Negro masses. Too, there is evidence that the leader who has sold out has a fear of being exposed for what he really is.

The office of the registrar of voters situation is somewhat different at Lake Charles than at other places. The registrar of voters, a woman, Mrs. Cecil (Lillian) Cutrer, has a husband who is a district judge in Parish (county) and since the good judge needs the Negro vote to get re-elected, the registrar of voters doesn't want to do anything to offend the Negro voter; therefore, she is cooperative.

Though there are only 7494 Negroes registered in Calcasieu Parish at this time, it is possible to have 15,000 Negroes registered in the Parish. This, of course would put the Negroes in a position to have some of the benefits of government, as well as making it possible to elect Negroes to public office.

From the desk of

The Director of Voter Registration

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

[redacted]

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wiley Branton

These are the reports we received from Columbus. They look pretty authentic to me, and therefore renew our problem.

I asked Vernon Mitchell to try to work with Patton and NAACP, but also agreed to give them some support to keep their program and organization intact in the event that NAACP rejected them. I did not anticipate so great a response, nor so great an expense.

Now, we are forced to say stop, or continue with our support. SCLC would have great difficulty keeping up the expenses of this program, and I hate the duplication of effort and expense, but to stop this drive in full swing runs the risk of wrecking a very effective Registration Organization.

I am sorry that I will be out of town until Monday, or I would go down to Columbus. I guess we can let the groups continue until we can get things straightened out in some way.

Andy

Registered Voters of the Week
Oct 28 — Nov. 1 1963 — Columbus, Ga.
By the Muscogee County Voters Committee

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs		Fri.	Sat
		Canvass	Canvass	All Beauty Shops		Canvass	Canvass
Domino Employees	8	4	2	Mae's	2	4	1
Blue Room "	6	8	1	Betty's	1	6	
Area School	24	1	3	Ormand Plaza	2	7	2
103 Drive Inn	6	6	1	Cedar Hill	3	2	4
Sim's Cleaners	3	9	4	Ann Beauty Saloon	3	5	
Terry's Super Market	3	2	2	Rose's	2	13	1
Marshall Lower Room	4	4	5	1st Ave.	3	4	
Tasty Sandwich	9	2	3	Becky's	1	5	3
Upshaw Ser Station	2	3	1	Hazel's	2	50 Carver High Sch	
Harris Ser. Station	1	5	2	Edna's	2		
Alexander Ser. Station	2	5	3	9th St.	3	4	
		1	6	Beauty Saloon		8	
			2	Ann's Beauty Shop	3	3	
						1	
						15	
Totals	68	50	35	27		127	11

318

No. of Workers — 35

No. of Cars — 18

October 7		Week of Oct. 14		Oct 21.
Number Registered		Number Registered		Number
24	Mon	18	Mon	2
39	Tuesday	31	Tuesday	2
60	Wed	28	Wed	4
52	Thurs	14	Thurs.	5
34	Friday	41	Friday	6
209		132		21
Week of Oct. 28-Nov.		Week Nov. 4		Nov.

Columbus Ga.

Simon Mitchell

The week of
Oct. 28 - Thr. Nov. 1, 19

This is a breakdown of our expenses plus the vouchers I gave you in Macon.

4 paid workers at $25.00 per week - $100.00

Telephone - $50.00

Gas - - - - $89.00

Rent - - - - - - - $30.00

Refreshments - - - - $33.00

Baby sitter - - - - 42.00

$344.00

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Voter Registration Report

After the tremendous success in Georgia Tennessee in 1962, an election year, SCLC turned to the more difficult job of the hard core South in attempting to lay the necessary foundation for political change in these areas. A big job was attempting in Voter Education and Organization, but the absence of the excitement produced by elections made the results much less spectacular than the previous year. Not until the year's end and the heightened interest produced by the Birmingham crisis did our voter registration program go into orbit.

Politics is still an unknown art across the deep South. Negroes are only now beginning to overcome their fears and undertake the risks which entry into politics involves. Southern States have done an elaborate job of erecting obstructions to their full participation. Virginia relies on a $4.78 Poll Tax premium. Eastern North Carolina allows only 20 days per year in which to register, and this is confined to 10 days prior to elections. South Carolina opens its books only one or two days per month, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana rely on literacy tests and numerous technical obstructions to prevent the actual registration process, and resort to all manner of violence and intimidation to discourage interest in politics.

In view of these obstacles, the efforts of the Federal Government to secure the right to vote for every citizen must

be viewed as feeble indeed. The present rate of progress in Voter Registration is much like that of school desegration, and unless we face this year with renewed determination in every level of our Conference, the ballot offers little or no hope to us in our quest for Freedom Now.

Since our past Board Meetings, SCLC staff has spent only about six months in Voter Registration. The latter part of 1962 the books were closed for the fall and winter months leading up to Christmas with elections and run-offs, so no registration was possible. We began work in January and got in three full months before being call in Birmingham and the Direct Action packed summer which began April 2nd. Most of our staff remained active in the various action centers of the South until just recently, but many successful efforts in registration came out of the action movements.

Birmingham youth came out of jail in May and began with the slogan, "We went to Jail for you, Now you Register to Vote for us." Under able leadership of our program director Andy Young and the staff members such as Dorothy Cotton and Jim Bevel they organized the entire county and added some four thousand voters to the rolls before they went back to school. This was by far the most significant accomplishment in Alabama registration attempts to date.

May & June

June thru Oct.

Danville produced similar results by comparison in registering 650 voters during the past two months. Prior to this increase, Danville had only registered 200 voters since

1957. In other areas of Virginia, Herbert Coulton and our Virginia affilliates battled the poll tax and lethargy produced by frustration to increase the totals by 1150 persons in the Vity of Petersburg; Dinwiddie, Nottaway, and Powhattan Counties. This makes a total increase of 1800 for the areas of Virginia in which we worked.

January thru October 1963

Eight counties in the North Carolina Black Belt, the Eastern Shore area, addéd 1,323 persons to the registration rolls this past year. This was done in only ten days which the total time alloted to registration since our last board meeting. In several instances this more than doubled the existing registration for the country.

~~Sept + October~~ May

Registration in South Carolina has been done largely through our Citizenship Schools. We have organized 39 of South Carolina's counties totaling 46 which are currently operating classes. This is the most consistent and comprehensive voter registration program in the State, and the only one operating in some areas, so we feel that this program has a great deal to do with increasing South Carolina's registration from 57,000 to 150,000. Ben Mack, our field secretary there, has covered the State, encouraging, training, recruiting, and organizing. No small part of the credit for this progress should go to him.

Georgia increased registration by 11,272 in the areas where SCLC worked directly and through the State-wide registration committee. The most significant drive was held in Columbus where 3,800 persons were registered.

July + august 1963

In Atlanta, Savannah, and Macon, SCLC affiliates received

direct grants from the Southwide Voter Education Project, and SCLC offered staff help and some additional financial assistance. In Atlanta, 4,000 have been added, Savannah and the 1st congressional distric added 5,000 and the Macon Drive, which is still in process, have registered at least 919 to date. This gives us a total of 20,272 for the State of Georgia.

Alabama, with the exception of Birmingham, Mississippi and Louisiana have registered to few people to count. There seems to be a determination in these States to deny the ballot to every Negro. In alabama we worked in Gadsden, Anniston and Montgomery. Almost a thousand persons attempted to register in Gadsden, but we have been unable to determine the number of persons actually registred. Anniston's registrar was conveniently unavailable whenever there were persons to register. Montgomery was able to successfully register 395 persons, and an additional 500 persons applied during the August registration period.

There may be some relief soon in Alabama. Recent court action by the Justice Department added 2,000 persons to the rolls in Birmingham and eased obstacles there which made possible our registration of more than 4,000 persons following our Direct Action campaign. Presently, the Justice Department has filed suit in Montgomery asking for Federal referees to supervise the registration process. This case will be heard on September 27th.

Suit involved be heard until Dec.

In Mississippi, SCLC has worked through the Council of Federated Organizations. Rev. James Bevel and Miss Annel Ponder have contributed a great deal to organizing training and inspiring persons in the Delta region, but of more than 2,000 persons who applied in Greenwood, only 50 were registered. The groundwork is being laid for effective political organization there though, and more political education is going on in Mississippi than in any other State. Bob Moses of SNCC is acting as Executive Secretary of this cooperative effort and brings to this task the kind of dedication and background necessary to perserve admidst continuous persecution and the threat of death.

Louisiana remains the SCLC nemesis. Since the departure of Dr. Simpkins from Shreveport Negroes have been reluctant to put forth much effort toward Voter Registration. Major Johns, our field secretary there, was arrested merely for attempting to get information on the registration process, and charged with vagrancy. In New Orleans, SCLC has cooperated with the coordinating Council in supporting a youth project in Voter Registration. In this Project 214 were registered, but 383 were rejected for such things as insufficient identification. etc.

The coming year will find us much better prepared to face the challenge of the obstacles to Voter Registration, and we have the advantage of another year of experience behind us, but this will not take the place of the total commitment of our entire organization to the task of Voter Registration.

This will determine our future effectiveness.

JS ✓
LG
JM ✓
WAB
JS ✓

November 6, 1963 NOV 7 1963

Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

The enclosed reports are for your information. Only Danville is an area assigned to us by VEP, but the others are areas which we are cultivating to the point wherein they might be ready for a concentrated effort under VEP sponsorship.

LG, please write Danville info, & check with Jack re Columbus, Go. JS

We are especially interested in the Lousiana work being done in Lake Charles and New Iberia. It is possible to register Negroes there and our team has made a very good beginning. We will probably want to follow this up in January. Our use of VEP Funds there would be in making possible continuous staff to develop an active locally sponsored Voter Registration Program which might continue year round. This could be accomplished in another four to six months I feel.

The enclosed report form is one which we will be using to get weekly progress reports from the field. If you have any suggestion for additions, please give us a call. We will try to get these printed this week. Financial Reporting will be done according to VEP proceedures.

We are also anticipating moving into Texas. Tyler is one possibility, since we have contacts there, and Beaumont has requested us to send them some staff assistance. Incidentally, the NAACP Chapter President is the one that called asking us for assistance... just thought I'd mention it... but the local Voter's League is sponsoring the program under the Coalition. If VEP can channel any funds into Texas through SCLC, we won't object.

Sincerely yours,

Andy

Andrew J. Young
Program Director

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Research Narrative

November 11, 1963

The Rev. Andrew Young
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
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Dear Andy:

I've looked over the form you sent, and have nothing to add to it. If we can secure copies of this report, along with the kind of thing of which you sent copies from your field secretaries and according to the schedule mentioned in the grant letter, we'll be more than happy research-wise.

Very truly yours,

Jack Minnis
Director of Research

JM:ks

Program Division

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THE VOTE PAYS OFF IN PETERSBURG

In last month's report (May) I tried to say in a few words the importance of the ballot and that registration is just "half way home" if we don't vote. Well it seems as though the message was well received for after May door to door campaines and reminding people at mass meetings of the importance of the ballot and after many letters and workshops teaching people how to register and how to mark ballots and how to use voting machines--- we are over the "hump" and on our way.

Mr. Joseph H. Owens entered the race to gain one (1) of three (3) vacant council seats. The three incumbents were seeking to be reelected after four years of failing to represent all of the people. A write-in candidate who stood for everything that we were <u>against</u> entered the picture.

Noone had any idea just how things would work out so we tried to impress upon the Negro the importance of the ballot----In order for Owens to win we must vote!

To tell the truth Negroes were not convinced that Owens had a chance. Whites had begun to call Negroes on the phone telling them that Owens didn't have a chance and that he should drop out of the race. They said loud and long and

Negroes that I had faith in started believing that he didn't have a chance.

Meanwhile the youth group of the Petersburg Improvement Association was still working. I had some signs made stating "If you don't vote you don't count", another one said "Voteless people are hopeless people". I had them to run off thousands of leaflets reminding the people to "get the word across, your dollar is still boss", "freedom loving Negroes are not buying downtown". (We had a six week boycott of the downtown area of the city that ran through the June 9th election.) While passing these leaflets out we had a chance to talk to many Negroes who were qualified and we would ask them "Are you going to vote Tuesday?" We did this to see how the tide was running and how much convincing was needed.

The other four candidates had spent large sums of money in radio time and advertisements in the paper everyday.

Owens spent very little money because there was very little money to spend. The few ads were usually on weekends along with a short statement on the radio. True there were Negroes who had money but they too had no faith in Owens chances.

We did notice that revised charter approved by the General Assembly in 1962. It states that election to city council requires a majority of all votes cast and that in the event candidates fail to receive a majority there shall be a runoff election two (2) weeks from date.

June 9, 1964 - Election Day

Final Count:

Lester I. Bowman	2,008
Vice Mayor, Arlie G. Andrews	1,379
Mayor Marvin Gill, Jr.	1,449
Joseph H. Owens	1,426
Councilman Alexander S. Jacobs	1,394

Bowman failed to get majority of votes cast which is required for election.

To mention this new law, I'm sure this was put in as an effort to keep a Negro or Negroes from winning. This scheme had backfired and we went to work that night (election night) knowing what we had to do. Not enough Negroes had voted which means that a "selling job" was needed and quick!

We burned the midnight oil for the next two weeks (June 9th - June 23rd) Mr. H. E. Fauntleroy, Jr. a high school teacher and myself decided that if Owens loses it wouldn't be because Negroes didn't vote. We decided that what ever was needed would be done to get the job done. We met with the candidate and told him that we would get the Negroes to the polls on the 23rd and he should continue to seek any white votes that he can get.

First we had to find out how many we had to work with (1703) and where they live, where they work, what time did they go to work and what time they got off, whether they needed a baby sitter, transportation or just plain talking to.

Because of the poll tax in Virginia 1200 Negroes did not pay poll tax in time to vote in the election. Their poll tax must have been paid six (6) months prior to the election. There were many reasons why this poll tax was not paid------Some people just plain forgot while there were others who didn't have the money at the time. Unfortunately, many didn't pay because they weren't concerned.

We got a list from the city hall of all of the persons who were qualified to vote in the June 9th election. Letters were sent to all of these people urging them to vote in the June 23rd run off election.

This was followed up with door to door contact of these same people. This job took some doing because the qualified list includes only the name. We had to get the addresses, some of which I had in the office but even some of the ones I had in the office had moved or had gotten married. We used the youth group, retired teachers and anyone else who would volunteer their service to help to get the addresses, phone numbers and wards of each of these persons.

From this list we were able to set up a telephone committee, car pool committee, baby sitting committee and hospitality committee. These committees if functioning properly, along with the teams of canvassers, I felt would assure Owens of one of the three seats vacant.

June 22 - The Eleventh Hour

Working day started 6:00 A. M.

Fauntleroy and I checked with ward leaders to see if things were in order. Most of the day was spent correcting any flaws to assure that the "count down" would be in order and that at 6:00 A.M. Tuesday morning the "rocket" would be launched on schedule.

9:30 P.M.	Final check on the hospitality committee to see that each worker would be served refreshments on time.
10:30 P.M.	Check to see that the 6:00 A.M. ward and poll workers would have no problems getting to the polls on time the next day (election day).
11:30 P.M.	Check the car pool chairman for 14 hour alert starting at 5:30 A.M. election day. (The polls are opened from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.)
12:00 Midnight	Crossed our fingers, said a prayer and went home only to arise again at 5:00 A.M. Election day.
5:30 A.M.	Took tables and chairs to all of the wards. Checked to see that all committees were up and ready to work.

6:00 A.M. Voted! And the "rocket" was launched -The Job was to get every Negro was qualified to the polls.

6:00 P.M. Made the final check of all persons who still had not gotten to the polls. The telephone committee's job was to call these people if they had phones and the transportation committee's job was to pick them up. The youth group went to the homes of persons without phones to urge them of the importance of their vote at this hour.

7:00 P.M. The polls closed and we felt that we had fought a good fight. Only the counting of the ballots is left now. 1-2-3-4-5 (~~1511~~) Etc.

7:30 P.M - 9:00 P.M. All of the workers, young and old, white and black gathered around the radio in the office. Voter registration signs could still be seen on our sweat trenched youngters. Tension was seen on each face as the reports were coming in.

FLASH: Joseph H. Owens becomes the first Negro to be elected to city council of Petersburg since reconstruction days.

My reports from months gone by is a true indication of the work of the League of United Voters. We can't stop here for we are not finished--just begun.

Herbert V. Coulton

Submitted by Herbert V. Coulton

Louisiana

SCLC FIELD REPORT
Submitted by SCLC's Committee
on Voter Registration

After constantly canvassing our different areas, we found that very little progress was being made. This was primarily beaause of a lack of transportation which was desperately needed in each area. We finally decided to combine our forces whereas we all work each area together. This has proven to be quite effective.

I. PARISH AND SPECIFIC AREAS WORKED:

Rosedale, Grose Tete, Maringouin - Iberville Parish

II. Contacts:

Mr. Bernette Hawkins, who lives in Maringouin, has permitted us to use his recreation hall for our clinic. We have made several other contacts in this area, but none of them came through.

Mrs. Mary Dennis, who lives in Gross Tete, has not only permitted the fellows to live with her, but she has given them permission to use her home for the use of their clinic.

III. EVALUATIONS:

A. Cooperation from local people. The people for most part, are generally quite passive, but in the past few days there are indications that local leadership may emerge.

B. Negro leadership. It is unfortunate that we have no Negroe leadership in either of our areas. It takes almost all we can do to even get the Negroes to attend our clinics and also let us even use their establishements for the clinics.

C. White leadership-

There is absolutely no white leadership in our areas. For the most part all three communities are predominately Negro.

IV. INTIMIDATIONS AND REPRISALS:

Mr. Hawkins who lives in Maringouin has permitted us to use his recreation center for our clinic, is somewhat of an UNCLE TOM. Even though we are permitted to use the center for our clinic he refuses to let us hold a mass rally at the center even though it is in the interest of voter registration.

It has been said that he, along with a few of the other people there in Maringouin, have been voting for some specific candidate for some time. It has been and is our aim or goal to try and persuade these people to vote for our candidates. (Negro candidates.)

Other than this, we have had no intimidations. Our main problem is getting the Negroes to attend our clinics.

VI. Clinics

A. Hawkins Hall

B. Home of Mary Dennis

C. Home of Major Johns

VI. Future Plans:

A. To continue our door to door canvassing in each area

B. Continue our day and night clinics.

C. Continue our training classes in the homes

D. Continue our citizenship training.

LG

VOTER'S REGISTRATION DRIVE CONTINUES IN DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

The drive continues in Danville and after putting over 500 on the Registrar's book in the six (6) weeks that the Registrar's Office has been open, and we are now striving for 500 more persons to register.

Throughout this drive, we have been able to get very few persons to work in Voter Registration for this reason the few persons who have worked have labored long and hard. We had hope to use persons (demonstrators) who had been arrested and on bonds to work in Voter's Registration as well as for direct action. Very few persons responded and the persons who were on bonds instead of working with Voter's Registration went back to jail.

Another problem that we have had is that some Negroes have heard that if they pay their poll tax and register their welfare money would be cut off. I checked with the Welfare Department in the city, and they denied this rummor and made a statement in the paper saying that no one will be cut off from the welfare check if they paid poll tax and registered. Many of these persons are still fearful because they said that a white lady told them this, and it is hard for a black man (me) to convince them otherwise.

The payment of poll tax continues to be a big problem. Many of these persons work only five and six months a year and some

have large families. This presents a problem because the laws of Virginia requires that if you have never paid poll tax you must pay three years back poll taxes. This works a hardship on many of the Negro people in this depressed and corrupt city.

In spite of this we have moved on towards our goal (1000). School has already open but many of the students have not gone back and will not go back until the situation in the city is changed. They have pledge to help in Voter's Registration. Some of the college students who will be here for two more weeks will assist us in Voter's Registration. We have also had the services of a few adults.

Appeals are made every night at the Mass Meetings for persons who are not registered. I have found that some people will respond to this and others will have to be contacted by other methods.

Danville is not one of the cities that vote during election time. In the November election of 1962 only 2,249 of 13,245 votes were cast. This means that if more Negroes would vote there is a great possibility that Negro Councilmen could be elected.

Churches are organizing citizenship programs which would include getting all members who are 21 and over and who can read and write registered.

Eighteen persons went down to the Citizenship School and they are preparing to set up classes to teach the unlearned in the community. This will help to get people registered in a long range program.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, we have already come, we cannot stop until we have registered every home.

Sumitted by

Herbert V. Coulton

DANVILLE PARLEYS YIELD A NEW CALM

N.Y. Times 6-18-63

DANVILLE, Va., June 17 (AP)—Negro integration leaders met for the first time today with the Mayor's all-white Racial Advisory Committee in Danville and agreed to call off any immediate further street demonstrations.

William L. Geoghegan, a Justice Department attorney, who apparently played a leading role in getting the two sides together, commented:

"I am sure as a result of this meeting, racial tensions which have developed will be eased. Real progress has been made."

The Negro group, representing the Danville Christian Progressive Association, listed for the committee what it called minimum desegregation demands. They included the dropping of all charges against demonstrators, 106 of whom have been arrested. Other demands were for the establishment of fair employment policies in city jobs, desegregation of all public accommodations within 30 days, and establishment of a biracial committee to set up a timetable for desegregation of schools and hospitals here.

The first of the 106 defendants accused of violating terms of a Corporation Court injunction against mass demonstrations was convicted. Ezell Barksdale was fined $25 and given a 90-day jail term. Half the jail sentence was suspended by Corporation Court Judge A. M. Aiken on condition of good behavior for two years.

Negro attorneys filed a petition in Danville Federal Court to take from Corporation Court the cases of the 106 defendants and put them in Federal courts.

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Danville, Va.

SCLC

WB

September 16, 1963

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Jack Minnis

Subject: SCLC Proposal for Virginia, North Carolina, Louisiana, and Georgia

Virginia

I have discussed some of these programs with Andy, and others are new to me. I was favorably impressed with their Virginia man, Herbert Coulton, when I attended the staff conference a week ago this past Saturday. As you can see below, there is a favorable potential in the Virginia counties which they designate, though I think we should by no means discount the effect of the turmoil in Danville on the success of the registration project there. We probably cannot expect that such proportionate success will occur in the other counties in the absence of such a unifying and arousing factor. I think we should hold off on Portsmouth until we know something of the relationship between SCLC and the local folks there who apparently are ready for action. Otherwise, I think we ought to give them their proposal in Virginia, with appropriate financial aid.

We have, this fiscal year, spent only $5,080 in Virginia, exclusive of the piddling amount we've sent to the Northern Virginia operation. The breakdown of funds by states with which we began this fiscal year called for $9,050 in Virginia, and, though we've never compiled it, I'd suppose that the additional money we've gotten from Reese and any anticipated from that source would reasonably be expected to increase the Virginia allotment. Too, the allocation was only for six months, as you'll remember, to run from April through September. Since it is nearly time to formulate new allocations, presumably, we would allot at least as much to Virginia this six months as we did last. This would make a minimum of $18,000 available for Virginia, for the full fiscal year, with only $5,080 actually spent. Thus, it looks like we have, on hand, about $13,000 to spend in Virginia between now and next April 1st. In view of the very unsensational results we've gotten from Norfolk and Newport News (neither have done anything like Andy reports from Danville), I suggest some reserve with regard to extending or increasing our funding of these operations. The NAACP file does not show any correspondence requesting funds for Virginia, though it seems I remembered their wanting Roanoke and Lynchburg, and I'm sure they'd want Richmond. This latter city should have some

serious consideration, I think, before we spend any more money there, in view of the NUL grant for SCLC in accordance with Andy's memo.

The counties Andy mentioned, along with a quota calculated as 20% of the UNVAP are:

Bedford and Lynchburg	1,333
Dinwiddie and Petersburg	2,936
Pittsylvania and Danville	3,327*
Nansemond	1,550
	8,146

Using our formula, this would suggest a grant in the neighborhood of $8,000 for SCLC in Virginia.

* Accounting for the 632 new registrants.

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North Carolina

I talked at some length with Andy and Jim Bevel about their proposed program in North Carolina, and my impression is that they are going to move there with some insistence. I talked today with R. C. Maxwell, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Board of Elections, and he tells me that the counties listed by Andy are limited by statute to registration during the period beginning on the fourth Saturday before an election or primary, and ending on the second Saturday before such. He said the legislature authorized a $100,000,000 school bond issue during its last session, and the governor is expected to call the election in late November or early December. This is the only election scheduled or anticipated for 1963 and thus will provide the only statutory basis for opening registration in Andy's counties during 1963. At the time of this writing, we have not been able to check with Andy to determine the source of his information, but I cannot but think it is erroneous. Still, there is virtually certain to be a two-week registration period during November in those counties, and I should think we want to press to take advantage of it. Andy was apparently mistaken in thinking there would be a ten-day period in April, 1964. The statewide elections are, according to Maxwell, on the last Saturday in May (30th) of 1964. This means the registration period in Andy's counties will run from May 2nd through May 16th, which will be in our third fiscal year. There will be a similar registration period in October in preparation for the general elections in November.

Our allocation for the first six months of this fiscal year in North Carolina was $7,575. Presumably, the second six months will have a similar, if not greater allocation. Thus, we have about $15,000 to deal with prior to next April 1st. We have thus far spent only the $850 on the AFSC Greensboro program. RTB tells me he anticipates spending, including the $1,000 already sent to Charlotte, about $7,950. This, then, totals $8,800 spent or anticipated in the near future. We have no record of NAACP requests for work in North Carolina, though presumably Brooks is spending some money there out of the $5,000 we sent them on April 3rd of this year. This leaves about $7,000 to be spent in North Carolina during the balance of this fiscal year (not including any addition to the North Carolina allocation resulting from the Reese deal).

The counties Andy mentioned along with a quota calculated as 20% of UNVAP are:

Bertie	1,109	~~Edenton~~ Windsor
Chowan	391	Edenton
Edgecombe	2,107	Rocky Mount
Gates	399	
Hartford	1,113	Ahoskie
Martin	886	
Pasquotank	612	Eliz. City
Perquimans	283	
Pitt	2,211	Greenville
Tyrell	110	
	9,221	

Using our formula, we should probably consider a major share of the $7,000 for SCLC in these counties.

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10/31/63 – Conference with Andy Young
SCLC had 3 persons in Va at this time plus see to Herbert Coulter.
Money would not be used for salary of existing staff.
Present Va. Staff:
Herbert Coulter
Dorothy Moore } field assistants
Howard Middlebrooks }
Miss Blodye Biles
Kathleen Johnson – Sec. in Petersburg.

How soon can drive start?
Petersburg – Start at once
Suffolk – will start in Jan.
Lynchburg – Drop from report
Portsmouth – would start in Jan.
Danville – ~~[illegible]~~ Under way at this time.

Savannah: – 1,500
Albany – 1500 for 8 weeks –
Thomasville –

Petersburg – 2,000 – 5 mos.
Danville – 500 – Continuation
Albany – 1,500 – 8 weeks
4,000
1500 – 1st month for Savannah
5,500

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

VOTER REGISTRATION

Progress Report

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CITY DANVILLE

COUNTY PITTSYLVANIA STATE VIRGINIA

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Methods Used to Contact people to Register: We have a picture "KNOCK ON EVERY DOOR" which was shown at several of the mass meetings. This has helped a great deal. Personal appeals are made at meetings. Letters have gone out to all of the clubs and groups, urging them to see that all of their members are registered. Appeals have gone to all of the ministers asking that they would become registered and that all of the adult members of his church would do likewise. We have had "beer busters" in an attempt to reach the drinking man, because we need his vote too. Also, we are compiling a list of all Negroes 21 and over, whether he is registered or not. This survey is to give us an insight of our potentials, there by letting us know where we were, where we are and where we will have to go to reach our goal.

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Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.)

Our biggest problems still seems to be the poll tax. Because of the economic status of the Negroes and the lack of job opportunities, Negroes in many cases do not have the money. The people on welfare are afraid to come near the Registrars Office for fear they maybe cut off from this money.

Plans for Dealing with Problems: The Welfare Department was contacted about some of the social workers in the department, allegedly telling Negroes that if you register your money will be cut off. They cam out with a public statement denying this. I personally have gone to persons who were on welfare and taught them everything they had to do to register and several of them have gone down and passed the test. They told other welfare persons about this and the fact that their money had not been cut off. Others began to lose some of this fear. We still have a job to do in trying to get the Negro to see that he counts and the price of one fifth of whiskey will pay his poll tax for three years.

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.) Some freedom sock hops are planned along gospel festival for registered voters free. Negroes like gospels in Danville and we plan to admit all persons who have paid poll tax and have registered. An appeal made for voters by radio.

SLOGANS GIMMICKS: "If you don't vote, you don't count." "I can't vote, I'm too young, what's your excuse."
"A voteless people is a hopeless people." "Don't complain if you don't vote."

Sponsoring Organization DCPA (SCLC Affiliate) Contact person Herbert V. Coulton

ADRESS 244 Halifax Street, Petersburg, Virginia PHONE 732-4263

Submitted by: Herbert V Coulton

FORM VEP-2

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Recd 12/11/63

WB ✓
RTB ✓
LG
JS

ORGANIZATION Danville Christian Progressive Ass (SCLC Affiliate) PERSON REPORTING Herbert Moulton PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM Nov 6 TO 30, 1963

STREET ADDRESS 276 N. Union St. CITY Danville COUNTY Pittsylvania STATE VIRGINIA DATE SUBMITTED: November 30/63

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 5th Cong. WARD, BEAT, ETC 12 WARDS of DANVILLE, VA.

DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS						50	22	31	14	12	10	33	11	6	9	23		21	10	13	9					28	14		17	20	
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS (SPECIFY MEANS) MASS MEETINGS						10										7															
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE						3						2				2					1										
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME							1				4	3				5															
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS WORKSHOP																										7					
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES)																															
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM						19	7	9				8	10	7	9			12	7	8	3	6				9	4		3	2	
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT						18	7	9				8	9	7	9			11	7	8	3	6				8	4		3	2	
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT						1							1					1								1					

Some of the same people were contacted 3 & 4 times

*PERSONS OF VOTING AGE

Congressional Record 1-28-64

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Danville's Attorney Receives Award

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. WILLIAM M. TUCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 1964

Mr. TUCK. Mr. Speaker, Danville in my congressional district was one of the major trouble spots of the Nation during the racial strife which dominated the news last year. That is one reason that I take especial pride in calling to the attention of my colleagues an editorial which appeared in the Register of that city, one of Virginia's most important newspapers, on January 21.

This editorial comments on the choice of Mr. James A. H. Freguson, youthful city attorney of Danville, as the recipient for the outstanding young citizen's award presented annually by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce of that city. It cites him for "his voluntary endeavors above and beyond the call of duty" and praises him, alongside the Honorable John W. Carter, local attorney, and the Honorable T. Edward Temple, city manager, as one of a trio who sustained the orderly processes despite annoyance and attack from outsiders.

The editorial follows:

GOOD WORKS RECOGNIZED

In what surely caught him completely by surprise, as he acknowledged, James A. H. Ferguson, the youthful city attorney, last night was awarded the young citizen's award of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce for Danville.

It is not often that a municipal counsel would even be considered for such recognition for community services, but Jimmy—to speak of him as to all his friends—did not receive the coveted shield-shaped plaque for the routine work of his public office. He got it for his voluntary endeavors above and beyond the call of duty as the legal counsel of the city of Danville, and as a citizen of the community. Details of his career may be found in the story of the award presentation in the news columns.

Those who look for symbols can find one in the choice of Jimmy Ferguson for the Jaycee award. It is the adorning of his brow with the garland of community accolade as a stouthearted defender of law and order. Jimmy did more than his share of it, and with more than ordinary success, over the past year. His work has been cited as an example for other communities faced with massive assaults from without upon constituted authority and upon law and order. His endeavors, outside his normal duties, have made the way clearer and surer for citizens here and elsewhere as they have tried to reconcile their personal views with the laws of the land; and he has done even more for public officials charged with specific responsibilities in coping with situations arising from manifestations of racial unrest.

Considerably more than his defense of the community entered into his choice for the Jaycee award but that was not overlooked, nor could it have been, because it was so important to so many.

It may not have been coincidence that three community awards have gone to people so involved in the situation here. First, the veterans award went to Attorney John

BUDGET FOR VOTER REGISTRATION
PROJECT

October 1963 thru March 1964

VIRGINIA -- Six Month Program

Petersburg

Canvassers		$1,000.00
Extra Office Help (for six months)		600.00
Transportation (gas, and car pools)		250.00
Supplies (Postage, postals, memo paper, etc.)		150.00
Baby Sitters		100.00
Radio Time		150.00
Other Techiniques (Freedom Dance, etc.)		100.00
	TOTAL	$2,350.00

as of Nov. 1, 1963
$2,000

Suffolk

Office Help		300.00
Canvassers		500.00
Transportation		200.00
Supplies		100.00
Baby Sitters		50.00
Other Techiniques		100.00
	TOTAL	$1,250.00

Lynchburg

Canvassers		150.00
Transportation		200.00
Supplies		100.00
Baby Sitters		100.00
Office Help		250.00
Other Techiniques		100.00
	TOTAL	$1,600.00

Cancel request

Portsmouth

Canvassing		$1,500.00
Office Help'		500.00
Transportation		300.00
Supplies		150.00
Baby Sitters		100.00
	TOTAL	$2,550.00

Budget for Virginia Cont'd

DANVILLE - Continuation of drive in Danville

Canvassing
Office Help
Transportation $500.00
Supplies
Baby Sitting

Now in operation as of Nov. 1, 1963

TOTAL FOR STATE OF VIRGINIA----------$8,250.00

GEORGIA

Savannah --- Four month program

Radio Time (30 min. weekly)	$ 120.00
Transportation	200.00
School and PTA Committee (Staff Person)	80.00
Business	80.00
Social Organization	80.00
Organized Labor	80.00
Supplies	100.00
Church Work	80.00
Area Workers (10 @ $15.00 per week)	600.00
Youth Committee	80.00
Total per month	$1,500.00

Will start at once or Nov. 1, 1963

TOTAL FOR FOUR MONTHS $6,000.00

Number of Negroes Registered --- 15,000

Potential number 32,000

Goal 6,000

GEORGIA

Columbus, Georgia Eight week drive — Goal 3,000'

Workers (#15.@6,$10.00 per week)	$1,200.00
Secretarial Help ($25.00 per week)	200.00
Promotion and Publicity	100.00
Transportation	200.00
Refreshments For Voulnteer Workers	100.00
Stamps, Stationary, etc.	100.00
TOTAL	$1,900.00

Thomasville, Georgia Eight Weeks — Goal 1,000

Workers (# 8 @ $10.00 per week)	$ 640.00
Promotion and Publicity	50.00
Secretarial Help	200.00
Stamps, Stationary, etc.	100.00
Refreshments for Volunteers	60.00
Gas	100.00
TOTAL	$1,050.00

Bainbridge Eight Week — Goal 1,000

Workers (10 @ $10.00 per week)	800.00
Secretarial Help	200.00
Promotion and Publicity	50.00
Refreshments for Volunteers	50.00
Gas	100.00
Stamps, Stationary, etc.	100.00
TOTAL	$1,300.00

Albany Eight Weeks — Goal 1,000

Workers (10 @ $10.00 per week)	800.00
Secreterial Help	200.00
Promotion and Publicity	100.00
Gas and Transportation	200.00
Refreshments for Volunteers	100.00
Stamps and Stationary	100.00
TOTAL	$1,500.00

ready to start at once on Nov 1, 1963

Waycross Eight Weeks — Goal 1,500

Workers (10 @ $10.00 per week)	800.00
Secretarial Help ($25.00 per week)	200.00
Promotion and Publicity	100.00
Gas and Transportation	200.00
Refreshments for Volunteers	100.00
Stamps and Stationary	100.00
TOTAL	$1,500.00

GRAND TOTAL FOR GEORGIA $13,250.00

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED $21,502.00

DANVILLE

During the latter part of November, the task force of SCLC moved into the troubled and torn city. Demonstrations had begun again and Voter Registration was in process again after the election in November. The people had been urged not to buy Christmas gifts but to gift some worthy Negro with the price of his poll tax. Many Negroes were out of work, some for demonstrating and others because there was no work for Negroes. This idea was put into practice and some $1,300 was raised and sent to the Danville Christian Progressive Association for Voter Registration. In the mass meetings, it was stated that persons who really didn't have all of their poll tax fee or none of it could borrow the money. Borrow means to loan and this is what we had hope to do. If and when this money was paid back, it could be used to pay other fees.

In the first nine days of the month, 310 registered. This first nine days was the deadline for payment of poll tax to be eligible for voting in the June primaries. The state requires that you pay your poll tax six months prior to an election. We insisted that everyone who borrowed money must be able to read and write. This was done because we insisted that they register then. Not just to pay poll tax but to register.

Since the drive started in July, we had a list of all persons who had registered but were not qualified to vote because their poll taxes were in the arrears. On index cards were the addresses of these people. We called a meeting of students and went around to urge these people to please pay their poll taxes and that it was better to keep up than to catch up. Many who were able did pay their back taxes.

There isn't too much to report from Danville since this is the continuation of the Voter Registration Drive that started in July. Since that time over 1000 persons have registered and this is an increase of almost 50%. The total amount of registered voters in December was 369.

The drive will continue and it is my hope that we will continue to get Negroes registered in Danville - perhaps not in large numbers but to keep before the people the need for the ballot and what it can do. Some results of this will be seen shortly in this almost totally segregated city.

Respectfully submitted by:

Herbert V. Coulton

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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VOTER REGISTRATION

Progress Report

CITY PETERSBURG

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Description of Voter Registration Program:

Plan of Organization: A United Voter's League consisting of all organizations in the city, is being organized and because of this much of our efforts have been geared to the success of such an organization.

Methods Used to Contact people to Register: Our efforts to contact people for registration has been done in workshops. We have also had two mass meetings in which Rev. James Bevel of Atlanta, Ga., spoke and Rev. C. T. Vivian spoke the next morning at the workshop. We have also sent students down to copy names from the Registrars Office, of persons who have registered since June. (We had the names of persons registered before June).

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Methods Used to Contact people to Register: Our efforts to contact people for registration has been done in workshops. We have also had two mass meetings in which Rev. James Bevel of Atlanta, Ga., spoke and Rev. C. T. Vivian spoke the next morning at the workshop. We have also sent students down to copy names from the Registrars Office, of persons who have registered since June. (We had the names of persons registered before June).

Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.) The Registrars Office in Petersburg is open only 3 hours a day, 12-3p.m. Monday through Friday. This makes Petersburg the only major city in Virginia who's Registrars Office is not open all day, five days a week. During elections, all of the poll workers, judges, clerks etc., were white even in densely populated Negro areas.

Concerning the newly organized Voter's League, we've had trouble getting organizations to send in the proper data needed for records of the Voter's League.

Plans for Dealing with Problems: Mr. David Gunter, President of the Petersburg Improvement Association, Dr. Milton Reid, Regional Representative of SCLC and I, have gone to the City Council and to the State Electorial Board to get the hours changed. Also Mr. Thelton Henderson, Attorney for the Justice Department came in to investigate, but had to leave to go to Birmingham. Negroes for the first time were selected to work at the polls and desks in one ward and letters have gone out to the electorial board to consider Negroes at all of the wards.

The information is coming in from the organizations that is needed and other groups are being contacted and have shown willingness to join in for an all out launch of togetherness - needed for a successful Voter Registration Drive.

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.) I would think that this organization (Voter's group) in a new insight needed to further stimulate interest to all Negroes in the city. I have talked with the manager of the theatre about a short 3 to 5 minutes skit on Voter Registration. The radio will be used and many postals are being printed in connection with voting. We are using the same slogans that we use in Danville. "If you don't vote, you don't count." "I can't vote, I'm too young, what's your excuse?" "The New Negro pays poll tax, registers and vote, Do you?" "Don't complain if you don't vote." "A voteless people is a hopeless people."

Sponsoring Organization United Voter's League Contact person David Gunter, Pres. PIA
Herbert Coulton, SCLC

ADRESS 244 Halifax Street, Petersburg, Virginia PHONE 732-4263

Submitted by: Herbert Coulton

Petersburg, Va.

Nov. 5 - Nov. 30

WARD ~ Precinct _____ Block _____

Name _____ Voted in Election _____

Address _____ Phone _____ ~~Date~~ _____

Registered? Yes _____ No DATE CERTIFIED YES ~~[illegible]~~ NO _____

POLL TAX PAID ~~Abs[illegible]~~? _____ ~~YEARS~~ ~~[illegible]~~ 19 , 19 , 19

Any other voters at this address? _____ (Make separate cards)

Children turning 21 in time to be eligible? _____ (Make separate card)

Transportation needed? _____ Baby Sitter? _____

Will voter do volunteer work? _____ (Check details on reverse side)

Name of Canvasser _____ Date _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

(Note to Canvasser: Use reverse side for comments)

Volunteered to do:

Canvassing _____

Telephoning _____

Office Work _____

Drive Car _____

Baby-Sit _____

Other _____

Contribution: $ _____

Canvasser's Comments:

November 20, 1963

Dear

There will be an important meeting on _____at _____ to which you are invited. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the following plans for increasing the vote by Negroes in Petersburg and Vicinity.

Our agenda is to try to speed up activities in Voter Registration in Petersburg and Vicinity and the advisability of Active Implementation of Voter Registration Project; that since the immediate and ultimate goal of every individual group, organization, and assiciation is the improvement of Voter Registration in the City of Petersburg and Vicinity; therefore, we are asking you to please be present for this all important meeting that will shape the life of Petersburg for many years to come.

We are inviting the following persons to be present: Mr. Herbert V. Coulton, Field Secretary for SCLC, Mr. David E. Gunter, President of the Petersburg Improvement Association, Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of the Local Chapter of NAACP, Mr. John R. Long, Vice-President of PTA, Mr. Cleveland Powell, President of Blandford PTA, Mrs. Cassie L. Walker, General Chairman of Citizens Voters Committee, C. P. Royall, Chairman Dabney Men's Club, Dr. Cortlandt M. Colson, Chairman Ettrick Improvement Committee, Mr. H. E. Fauntleroy, Jr., Secretary of the Petersburg Interracial Committee and President of the Petersburg Chapter PTA, Giles B. Evans Club, Dr. R. R. McDaniels, Chairman Trustee Board, Zion Baptist Church, Mr. Joseph H. Owens, Chairman Suffrage Committee, Petersburg Branch of NAACP, Mrs. Thelma Bethea, Captain, Ward I, Blandford, John Burk, Secretary Negro Baptist Childrens Home Association, Mrs. Bettie Lanier, President, Petersburg Registered Beauticians Association, Mr. Adele P. Duvall, Licensed Practical Nurses Association.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1963
2:00 p. m.

Mr. Herbert V. Coulton, Field Secretary for SCLC, 432 Harrison Street, Petersburg, Virginia, Re. 2-0643 residents. SCLC's Office, 244 Halifax Street, Re. 2-4263.
Mr. David E. Gunter, President Petersburg Improvement Association, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia, Re. 2-4970.
Rev. L. C. Johnson, President NAACP. Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Halifax and Market Streets, Petersburg, Virginia, Re. 2-7218 residents, 842 Shepard Street, Re. 2-7345.

PURPOSE: To consider letter of October 22, 1963 for Miss Amaze Lee Meredith, acting coordinator, Committee on Research in Voter Registration in Petersburg and Vicinity, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia, Re. 3-8816.

RE: Concerning the speeding up of activities in Voter Registration in Petersburg and Vicinity.

DISCUSSION: I. Advisability of Active Implementation of Voter Registration Project.

II. Need for an over all "Summit Committee" (S. C.) on Voter Registration in Petersburg and Vicinity, composed of representatives from present active cooperating individuals, groups, associations and organizations, etc.

POSSIBLE PROCEEDURE:

I. Rev. Mr. Johnson to call meeting (Summit Committee) of individuals and representatives of organizations that have consented to participate and cooperate in Voter Registration Drive for the City of Petersburg and Vicinity.

POSSIBLE PERSONNEL:

1. Mr. Herbert V. Coulton, Field Secretary for SCLC, 244 Halifax Street, Re. 2-4263 office, residents, 432 Harrison Street, Re.20643.
2. Mr. David E. Gunter, President of the Petersburg Improvement Association, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia, Re.24970.
3. Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of the Local Chapter of NAACP. Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Corner Halifax and Market Streets. Re.27218 office, residents 842 Shepard Street, Re. 27345.
4. Mr. John R. Long, Vice-President of PTA, 3 S. Little Church Street, Re. 3-7312.
5. Mr. Cleveland Powell, President of Blandford PTA, Ward I, 126 N. Old Church Street, no telephone.
6. Mrs. Cassie Walker, General Chairman of Citizens Voters Committee, 604 St. Mark Street, Re. 3-8181.

INVITATIONS TO: (Not yet contacted).

1. Dr. Cortlandt M. Colson, Chairman Ettrick Improvement Committee, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia, Re. 3-8111 Ext. 220 office, residents, 300 South Street, Ettrick, Virginia, Re.3-2937.

2. Mr. H. E. Fauntleroy, Jr., Secretary of the Petersburg Interracial Committee and President of the Petersburg Chapter PTA, 129 New Street, Re. 2-9210.

3. Giles B. Evans Club, Dr. R. R. McDaniels Chairman Trustee Board Zion Baptist Church, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia, Re. 3-8111, Ext. 314 office, residents, 210 E. River Road, Ettrick, Virginia, Re. 2-4580.

4. Mr. Joseph H. Owens, Chairman Suffrage Committee, Petersburg Branch of NAACP, 25 Mars Street, Re. 3-7682 residents, office Owens Cleaners, 250 Halifax Street, Re. 3-7961.

5. Others:
   a. Central Democratic Committee (Republican)
   b. C. O. R. E.
   c. Etc.
   d. Mrs. Thelma Bethea, 105 N. Burch Street, Petersburg, Virginia, Captain, Ward I, Blandford, Re. 3-0424.

SUGGESTIVE AGENDA OF S.C.

I. Verification of Name (SUMMIT COMMITTEE - S.C.)

II. Philosophy:
   a. That since the immediate and ultimate goal of every individual group, organization, and association is the improvement of Voter Registration in the City of Petersburg and Vicinity.
   b. That without sacrifice of any personal or group sovereignty, for the mutual good of all, a permanent COMMITTEE on VOTER REGISTRATION can and will be formed with close cooperation and coordination with a COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH IN VOTER REGISTRATION IN PETERSBURG AND VICINITY - CORIVRIPAV.

III. Consideration of Organization (see outlined chart).

IV. Election of Permanent Chairman of S. C. - Research - Others.

V. Organization:
   1. Duties and Responsibilities of:
      a. Selection of S. C. President.
      b. Election of other officers (Secretary).
      c. Appointment of permanent Coordinator of Research (COR).
      d. Research Committee Personnel (consentees).
         (1) Dr. Edna M. Colson, Virginia State College, Re.3-8816.
         (2) Mrs. Ruth Cooley, residents 1235 Rome Street, Re. 2-5079, office 133 Harrison Street, Re. 3-4617.
         (3) Mrs. Mamie Fitzgerald, 125 Rolfe Street, Re. 3-9716.
         (4) Misses Blanche & Otelia Harrison, 530 S. Adams Street, Re. 2-9311.
         (5) Mrs. Ozella Myers, 501 S. Jefferson Street, Re.2-6353.
         (6) Mr. Joseph H. Owens, 25 Mars Street, Re. 3-7682, residents, office, 250 Halifax Street, Re. 3-7961.
         (7) Mrs. Thelma Bethea, 105 N. Burch Street, Re.3-0424.
         (8) Miss Sadie Roberts, 843 Wilcox Street, Re. 2-9030.
         (9) Mrs. Cassie Walker, 604 St. Mark Street, Re.3-8181.
         (10) Member of "S. C."
         (11) Etc.

2. Functions:
   a. To call meetings
   b. Establish lines of authority
   c. Appoint committees and sub-committees
   d. Request services of Committee on Research
   e. Clarify lines of communication
   f. Delegate responsibilities
   g. Procure, materials, supplies
   h. Other
   i. Etc.
      (1) files
      (2) file cards
      (3) report sheets
      (4) stationary
      (5) etc.

VI. Miscellaneous:
   1. Committee Assignments:
      a. List - Files
         (1) Telephone File - Officers, Committees
         (2) Grand File - (white cards)
         (3) Registered - (Green cards)
         (4) Non-Registered - (red & separates)
         (5) Voters File - (blue & separates)
             (make in triplicator quadruplicate)
      b. Cards - (See National Democratic Voters Brochure)
         1. Name
         2. Address
         3. Ward - Precinct
         4. Telephone No.
         5. Registration
         6. Poll Taxes
         7. Voter Record
         8. Miscellaneous
         9. Canvasser Signature
            Add block & Telephone
         10. Date

   2. Charts: (Made to Date)
      a. Names of Organization (trademark)
      b. Organization Outline Chart
      c. Others

   3. Maps:
      a. The present COR to date has made Maps, one 3'X3' & 10-18"X18" Petersburg and Vicinity - Colored and Numbered by Wards and Precincts. (completed).
      b. If desired: 1. Campus
                     2. Chesterfield
                     3. Dinwiddie County
      c. Progress Map

VII. Canvassing Committee:
   1. "School" for "<u>WARD</u> <u>CAPTAINS</u>".
      a. Blown up - photostats of each ward and precinct & (COR).
      b. Ward Captains divide up "BLOCKS" of his ward & precincts.
      c. Ward Captains appoint Block Lieutenants.
      d. Lieutenants appoint Block "Workers."
      e. Each of above Captains to make LISTS of names, addresses, telephone numbers of every worker.

(VII. 1-b-c-d)-within his ward - thru channels, & forward same to Coordinator of Research "COR", -(thru channels).

f. In turn - "C O R"- to forward to Captains assorted, compiled, identified cards, report sheets, for distribution thru channels, to his officers & workers - to be made in TRIPLICATE.

g. Over All "KICK OFF DATE" for Drive.

h. Thru reverse channels continuous REPORTS to C O R.

i. Each and everyone responsible for meeting "EUREKA DATE" (dead line - closing dates).

j. Continuous contact and telephone check up by all officers and "C O R"- (thru channels). And continuous and frequent REPORTS for "C O R"-(thru channels) to all concerned.

k. Publicity Committee to work with C O R.

(1) Posters	(4) Stickers
(2) Buttons	(5) Streamers
(3) Banners	(6) Press

Others

2. Location: Central Officers "C O R".

3. Other:

VIII. Unfinished & Additional Data:

FORM VEP-2

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LG ✓
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

ORGANIZATION Petersburg Improvement Ass'n. PERSON REPORTING Frankie Moulton PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM Nov 6 TO Nov 30, 1963

STREET ADDRESS 244 Halsey St. CITY Petersburg COUNTY Dinwiddie STATE Virginia DATE SUBMITTED: November 30, 1963

ELECTION DISTRICT TO WHICH THIS REPORT APPLIES 4th Cong. WARD, BEAT, ETC 6 wards of Petersburg, Va.

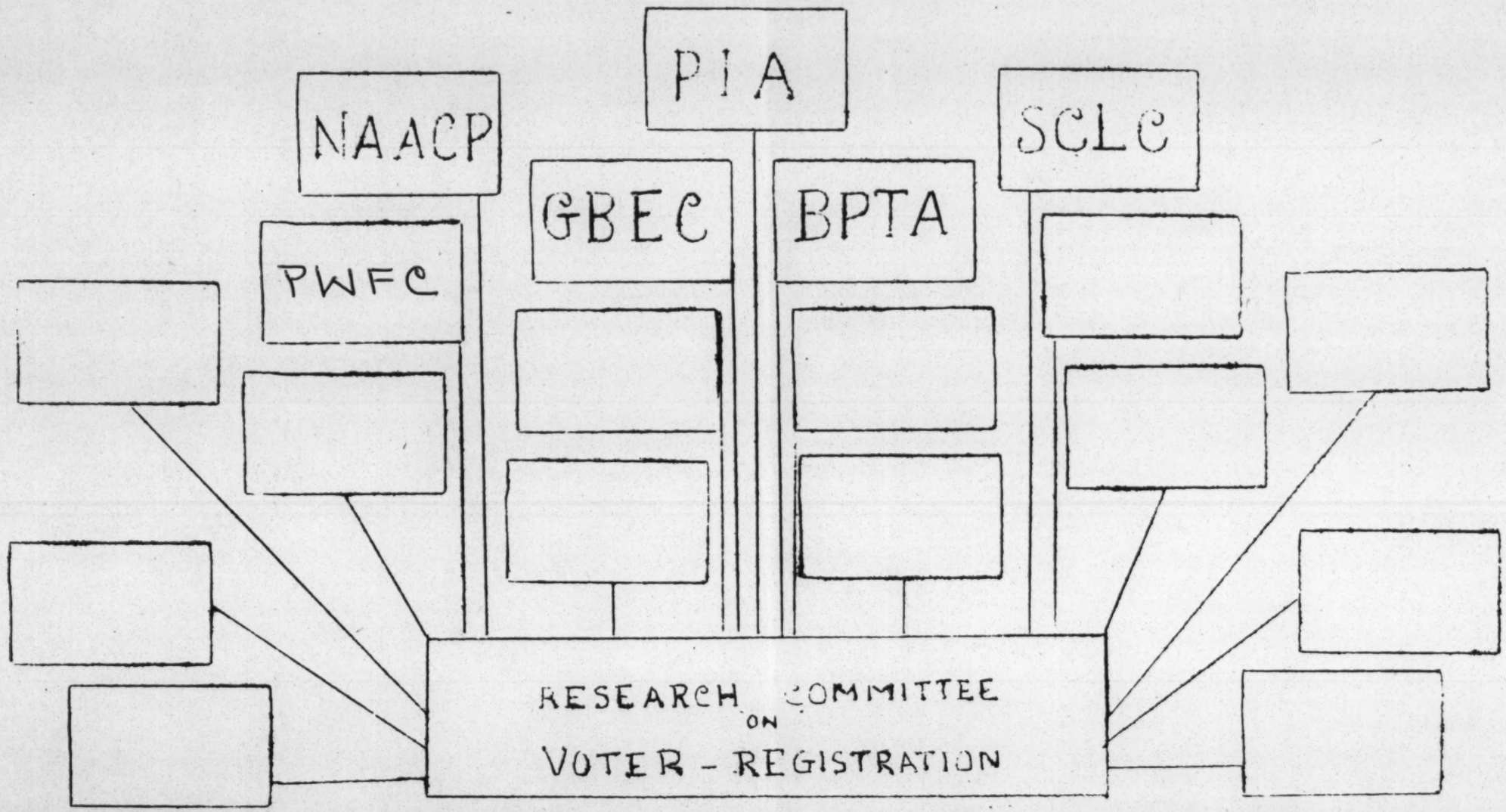
DAY OF THE MONTH:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NO. * CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS						20	40	17	35		22	14	19	31	27	11		10	8							18	21		15	30	
NO. * CONTACTED BY OTHER MEANS (SPECIFY MEANS) Workshop & Mass meeting												9										20	5								
NO REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE						3			1																		2				
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT HOME										4				1				2				7	1								
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT CLINICS Workshops												9										20	5								
NO. * INSTRUCTED AT OTHER PLACES (SPECIFY PLACES)																															
NO. * APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A RESULT OF THIS PROGRAM						6	3	5	X		7	2	3	4	8			5	7	1	2					2	2				
NO. * SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED BY THIS PROJECT						6	3	5			6	2	3	4	8			5	7	1	2					2	2				
NO. * DENIED REGISTRATION IN THIS PROJECT											1																				

SOME of the SAME PEOPLE WAS CONTACTED 3 & 4 times

*PERSONS OF VOTING AGE

As groups are contacted their names are placed in the blanks. At this point there are about 15 groups. This is just a sketch

ORGANIZED GROUPS of PETERSBURG & VICINITY



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CITY Petersburg

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No. Paid Workers 5

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Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.) The hours that the Registrar's Office is opened is a definite obstacle to persons who work out of the city (most Negroes do), poll tax is another obstacle. The poll tax has been notified in federal elections but it will still be used in local and state elections. The certification must be filed six months in advance or prior to the federal elections just as the poll tax.

Plans for Dealing with Problems: A continued struggle to change the hours of registration has not been successful and this fight will continue. In keeping up with the poll tax situation, if this is bought before the people for a vote, I'm thinking it will be defeated. Such a vote has been asked for from different sections of the state. The governor of the state along with the rest of the "Byrd Machine" does not want to see this happen.

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.) A "more votes in 64" dance is planned along with a festivities of gospels will be featured. Persons who are registered will be admitted with the show of the registration card. This will be pre-announced so that persons who are not registered will have a chance to do so before the entertainment.

Sponsoring Organization League of United Voters **Contact person** David Gunter and Herbert Coulton

ADRESS Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va. 244 Halifax Street, Petersburg, Va. **PHONE** Gunter - RE. 2-4970 Coulton - RE. 2-4263

Submitted by: Herbert Coulton

6th
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PLANS MADE FOR REGISTRATION DRIVE IN SOUTH HILL, VIRGINIA

On January 19th, I attended a mass meeting in South Hill with Rev. Milton Reid and Rev. C. T. Vivian. Our purpose was to coordinate all of the efforts of the group in South Hill so that fruitful results could be gained.

At this meeting, a political actions group was formed within the organization and a meeting was called directly after the mass meeting. It was decided that some key people in each of the districts would meet together for a briefing on the status of Negroes in the whole county of Mecklenburg. It was discovered that there were five (5) districts in the county and each of these districts were represented.

Voting materials were also discussed and this was followed with a question and answer period. I went away feeling that we had a very productive session. Everyone left eagerly waiting for the next meeting.

The next meeting was held Sunday, January 26th, and after Rev. Harris, State President of SCLC had spoken there was a recruitment period for volunteer workers. Forty-three persons volunteered. Their names were taken by the secretary and they were asked together with persons from their district, to get from the court house a list of all of the registered Negroes in the districts and these names will be filed.

I have been invited to conduct a workshop Tuesday, February 4th at the old school building in South Hill. At this workshop, demonstrations in canvassing and other methods will be used in preparation for the drive. Students from the area will be used to do most of the leg work.

Lost

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REGISTRATION DRIVE ENDS IN DANVILLE

Since July 1963, the drive to get Negroes registered has been on in Danville. During that time, over 1200 names were added to the books. This is an increase of 50%. Before this drive started, only 200 Negroes had registered in six (6) years.

If the past voting record in this city is any indication of things to come, then a Negro or Negroes would stand a pretty good chance of getting elected. In the last local election, only 2,249 votes were cast. This figure as against 12,169 persons registered, is very small and with the added votes there is a great chance for a Negro candidate to be elected to something of importance.

It is felt that the drive was a success and plans will be made for another drive during the spring in this trouble torn city.

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Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.) The time of registration (12-3) and poll tax is our major obstacles. We have had no success in getting the hours changed so that a greater number of people can register. Poll tax is still in effect for State and Local Elections.

Plans for Dealing with Problems: We have contacted Lawyers to look into the situation and it is hoped that something can be done.

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.) Facts are told to people about their area and they feel a sense of urgency to want to register and if they have registered - to get someone else.

Sponsoring Organization League of United Voters **Contact person** Herbert V. Coulton

ADRESS 244 Halifax St. Petersburg, Virginia **PHONE** REgent 2-4263

Submitted by: Herbert V. Coulton

MINUTES
OF
FEBRUARY MEETINGS
OF
"L. U. V."
VOTER REGISTRATION

DATE	TIME	PLACE	ATTENDANCE	WARD	AGENDA	REMARKS
Feb. 3	4:45	S.C.L.C. Office	Coulton & Avonne Short PHONE Naomi Dawson Olivia Marshall	3	To secure Ward Leadership	Inclusive to follo up with 2nd meetin
Feb. 4	7:30	Blands Parlor	Coulton-Gunter Leaders-Workers	6	Ward Organi-zation	Response excellent
Feb.11	7:30	Blands Parlor	Coulton-Gunter Ward Represent-atives	LUV	Question-Answer Period & Demon-stration	Phenonial Snow Storm & Attendance
Feb.13	7:30	Baptist Temple Plum St.	Coulton-Gunter Ward Leaders & Workers	4	Ward Organi-zation	Excellent response
Feb.17	12:M	Jones H.	Gunter-Coulton Att. Mauch- Rev. White-Sect. Staff V.S.C.	LUV	Organize & Re-cruit Sect. Assistance	Att. Excellent 40 Hrs. Pledged 223
Feb.18	7:30	Blandford Chapel	Coulton-Gunter Leaders-Workers	1	Organization	Terrible weather but excellent response
Feb.18	7:30	Blands Parlor	Gunter - Ward Leader-Workers	5	Organizational	Inclement weather Excellent response
Feb.21	7:30	Snack Shoppe	Gunter-Coulton Ward Leaders Laision-Richard-son-Meredith & Rev. Johnson		Workshop on Reg. Demonstrations by Meredith on report form #1 & Maps presentation	Excellent response
Feb.23	5:00	Azunest	Coulton-Gunter Meredith		1.Organize Typing 2.Filing Com. 3.Plan Agenda for LUV. Meeting Feb.25-Blands 7:30	Cooley) M. Colson)Absent S. Verdell)no action taken
Feb.25	7:30	Blands Parlor	L. U. V.	LUV	See following Minutes	See Minutes

AGENDA (Planned on Feb. 23, 1964)
LUV-I.P. & V.
FOR February 25, 1964
Blands Parlor - 7:30 p.m.

Prayer:
Reading of Minutes of Month of Feb. Meeting & Activity Program.

I. Officers, Ward Leaders, Laision Chairman, Committe & Workers, Area Capt.-Others
II. Get progress report from Ward Leaders.
III. Distribution of report Form #I to Ward Leaders. A. L. Meredith
IV. Distribution of Ward Maps to Ward Leaders. A. L. Meredith
V. Hear report of Liasion Committee Chairman. Richardson
VI. Assignment of Liasion Members to Ward Leaders.
VII. Review & Work Shop on "REGISTRATION". (Time)

Adjournment

Respectfully,

Coulton
Gunter
Meredith - Sect.

March 26, 1964

Mr. Herbert Coulton
244 Halifax Street
Petersburg, Virginia

RE: VEP 3-26

Dear Mr. Coulton:

In checking our files, we find that we still have not received a report from you since February 1. We would appreciate knowing the cause of the delay in reporting.

May we hear from you as soon as possible?

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Director

BIW:js

Rec'd 3/18/64 - ~~[illegible]~~

March 13, 1964

Mr. Herbert Coulton
244 Halifax Street
Petersburg, Virginia

RE: VEP 3-26

Dear Mr. Coulton:

According to our records, we have not received a report from you on Petersburg since February 1. Since it is necessary to receive regular monthly reports to keep our records up-to-date, would you kindly send us a complete narrative and statistical accounting of your activities in that area?

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

VOTER REGISTRATION

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Plans for Dealing with Problems:

I have talked with lawyers and they memtioned their concern about the Hours of Registration in Petersburg. In the near future test cases will be taken to show that many people are not satisfied with the hours as they are.

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.)

"If You Don't Vote You Don't Count," is the slogan for the month of April.

Sponsoring Organization League of United Voters Contact person Herbert V. Coulton

ADRESS 244 Halifax Street PHONE RE-2-4263

Submitted by: Herbert V Coulton

VEP 3.26

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

VOTER REGISTRATION

Progress Report

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COUNTY Dinwiddie STATE Virginia

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Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.)
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Plans for Dealing with Problems: A meeting is being planned by the League of United Voters to meet with the city council and electorial board in an attempt to increase the number of hours so that more people will have an opportunity to register.

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.) I Am A Registered Voter. Are You? Christians are we good citizens, do we vote? Appeals are being made each week in most of the church, civic meetings and at P.T.A. meetings.

Sponsoring Organization League Of United Voter **Contact person** Herbert Coulton

ADRESS 244 Halifax Street **PHONE** Re 24263

Submitted by: Herbert Coulton

VEP 3.26

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VOTER REGISTRATION REPORT ON PETERSBURG AND DANVILLE
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

PETERSBURG

The three main civil rights groups in the city, Petersburg Improvement Association, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Petersburg Chapter of N.A.A.C.P., have formed a League of United Voters. The purpose of this organization is to double the Negro vote in Petersburg and Vicinity.

Because of the death of the President and the memorial period extending into December, plus the coming of the Christmas Season, Voter Registration has been rather lean in December.

Inspite of the obstacles, 71 persons did register in Petersburg. This was due to the youth group who convassed during the Christmas when many of the adults had days off during the holidays. Appeals were also made at churches for persons who had not register to do so before the year was out. The weather has been so cold that it was hard to get people to work in the field on a volunteer basic or for subsistence.

The final organizational stages of the League of United Voters will be held on January 7, 1964. At this meeting many groups will cooperate with the League in an attempt to increase our voting strength. Ward leaders will be invited and ward maps of each ward will be discussed along with any problems that the ward leaders might have. This will include personnel which is needed to work in the ward. It is important to have enough workers to cover the ward. Also to be discussed in the next meeting will be gimicks and techniques that are likely to work in wards.

On Monday, January 6, 1964, I will speak to the Baptist Ministerial Union. They pledged through the efforts of Rev. Grady Powell, Pastor of the Gilfield Baptist Church, and Rev. Andrew J. White, Pastor of the Zion Baptist Church. Of the twelve major churches, six of them now have Social Actions Committees in their churches.

During this period, Negroes were urged to pay their poll tax before the dead line, which was December 9, 1963. The three hour a day (12-3) registration period

is still in effect. This might not appear as a problem but it really is. When you consider that most Negroes do not work in the city and those that do, have only a half hour off. This means that if he goes to the Registrars Office on his lunch hour and if there are two people in front of him, it's highly impossible that he will be able to register, go back to work and be on the job in time.

I mentioned that most of the Negroes worked out of town. This is true for there are chemical plants in Chesterfield and Hopewell, Virginia. Both places located 6-10 miles from Petersburg. A mental institution is located approximately 5 miles west of Petersburg in Dinwiddie County. An army camp, Fort Lee, Virginia, hires hundreds of Negroes. Then there is Quartermaster Depot about 15 miles out where Negroes are employed. In the city of Petersburg, there is a tobacco factory that gives one half hour off for lunch and they start the machines exactly one half hour later. There is a trunk factory and an eye glass factory that also gives one half hour off for lunch. When all of these people get off, which is after 4pm., the Registrars Office would have been closed one hour. It is not to say that some of these Negroes can't get down to the Registrars Office, but it's highly unlikely that the bulk of these people can get down there with the hours as they are. This is the reason that the civil rights groups are still trying to get the hours change to allow these people to register. The poll tax is not a major problem as it is in Danville. If the office was opened the poll tax would take care of itself.

The governor is still in favor of the poll tax and with the exception of federal elections the poll tax will still be required in State and Local Elections. We have had work shops on the term certification which is needed to vote in federal elections in place of the poll tax.

December 15th, I had an appointment with the Registrar, a Mr. Robert S. Gilliam. I asked him how long had the Registrars Office hours had been from 12 to 3 p.m.? He told me that a group of men (I later found out that all of the men were white), had

met with him eleven years ago and they had decided that 12 to 3 would be the best time for most people to get to the Registrars Office, since most people eat at that time. I mentioned to him that the "most people" he was speaking of must have been white people since there are more of them in the city than there are Negroes. I also mentioned to him that apparently no one had considered where Negroes worked. We talked about the changing of times and I stated to him that Negroes weren't as vote conscious then as they are now. He admitted much of what I said was true, but in his old age, (he is a retired businessman)he just wouldn't adjust to see the whole of the problem. Perhaps this is a normal reaction for a man of his age, but we cannot and will not stand still and wait for the registrar or the city council or the state electorial board to change their ideas.

We are combing all of our efforts in forming this League of United Voters. It is felt in the city by many groups, that our efforts in the project is the best that Petersburg has ever undertaken. My duties as Vice-President is much more than to preside in the absence or request of the President, as was stated under duties and responsibilities in the copy that I'm forwarding to you. This was the purpose of the meeting on December 10th - to improve on our plans.

Granted it's taking the Petersburg group some time to organize, but I'm of the opinion that it will be worth the time and much work that's being put into this project.

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

November 1, 1962

M E M O R A N D U M

To: All participating VEP agencies

From: Wiley A. Branton

It has come to our attention that in some rare instances the VEP funds may have been used for the payment of poll taxes.

These funds should not be used, in any manner whatsoever, for poll tax payment, even in the form of loans.

WAB:jl

SNCC

OCT 26 1963

Baptist Supply Store

"Bookstore of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, Inc."

601-603 S. Wilmington Street
Phone TE 3-9115
Raleigh, N. C.

O. L. SHERRILL, Executive Secretary

J. W. Fleming, Manager

October 24, 1963

Mr. Wiley Branton
The Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W., Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Branton:

The Political Action Committees of the Raleigh Citizens Association and the local chapter of the NAACP are sponsoring jointly a vote/registration drive in Raleigh and Wake County.

Much of the work is being done through sub-committees. So far we have a strategy committee, a research, finance, and publicity committee.

As chairman of the publicity committee I can announce that our group has come up with several plans. Probably you would like to hear about one of them. In the Shaw University Homecoming Parade, Saturday(26), we will have a float stressing the vote/registration theme. There will be a two-pontoon boat decorated to resemble a hearse. On the front platform there will be a casket. The large sign on the side of the float will read, "THIS MAN DOESN'T VOTE. HE'S DEAD. WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?"

But that is not my point for writing you. Since the larger committee is operating on a shoestring, I thought that you could help us by supplying us with some publicity material. We need posters, pamphlets, brochures, car stickers, and any other material that will help convey the message.

We are well organized. Our group is putting time, talent, and energy into the project. Success is our objective, and we are trying to secure the tools necessary.

Your cooperation will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Fleming

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SNCC

Received in person 10/14/63

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

6 Raymond Street, N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

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October 14, 1963

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Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forysth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton,

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee would like to apply for two emergency VEP grants:

1) In Selma, Alabama we are discovering that there will be twenty odd registration days as follows: October 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31; November 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 18. Specifically we are requesting funds for thirty workers for one month at a salary rate of $20.00 a week. This amounts to $2400.00. Also we are requesting $600.00 for office equipement and supplies and $100.00 for transportation costs which will include bus rental and gas and oil for local citizens. The total amount of this emergency grant is $4000.00. We expect, of course, the normal 15% administration fee.

We would also like to request funds for six workers at $40.00 a week for a three-month period for a voter registration project in Raleigh, North Carolina. This amounts to $2880.00. Out of the salaries, people will be expected to pay for room and board and take care of other personal and living expenses. Also requesting $1120.00 to handle transportation, telephone and other costs. A sum of $4000.00 should adaquately handle this project. If there is any money that can be saved, we will of course do this. Since it is a new area and we do not have any guarantee for food and l

guarantee of food and lodging, the sum of $40.00 is absolutely essential. We have been in touch with Dorothy Dawson. She has given us her contacts in the area. Of course, we expect to do a good job in both these places.

There is no definite description of the two projects in this area since V.E.P. is familiar with both of them and has financed one of them.

We are still awaiting some decision on our request for the Southeast Atlanta project.

One man, one vote,

James Forman

James Forman
Executive Secretary, Student
Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

10-24-63

Dear Mr. Branton:

I had just dropped the letter in the mail to you when I learned that a representative was here from the Voter Education Project.

You can just forget the request made in the letter

Sincerely,

John W. Fleming

601 S. Wilmington St.
Raleigh, N. C.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Wiley Branton
The Voter Education Project
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Treasurer

SEP 26 1963

September 24, 1963

Mr. R. T. Blackwell
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

The Raleigh Citizens Association voted to accept the registration project, which you talked to me about, to begin the first of October.

I desire to hear from you regarding the details of procedure. We are anxious to get this project moving.

Sincerely yours,

Grady D. Davis

Grady D. Davis
909 South East Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

GDD:ijg

November 7, 1963

Mr. James Forman
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
64 Raymond Street, N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

DearMr. Forman:

Re VEP 3-27

Pursuant to your letter of October 14, 1963, and subsequent conferences both with you and with Randolph Blackwell, we have decided to make a preliminary grant to SNCC in the amount of $2000 in support of your new voter registration project in Raleigh, North Carolina. We understand that Reginald Robinson is already on duty in Raleigh in an effort to get his voter program under way and that he is working very closely with Dr. Grady Davis, Mr. John W. Fleming and other interested local leaders.

We certainly hope that Mr. Robinson will remain in Raleigh and see this assignment completed before departing for "direct action" activities elsewhere. Let me re-emphasize that any continued support of your Raleigh project will be conditioned upon proper financial and progress reporting and also will be dependent upon satisfactory results.

The proceeds of this check should be deposited in your VEP bank account in the customary manner and the same conditions and restrictions are imposed upon this grant as have been included in all of our previous grants.

Please note that your Raleigh project has been assigned a new number - VEP 3-27.

Very truly yours,

WAB:jl
enc. 1

Wiley A. Branton

~~12-13-63~~

Note: WB talked with E. Davis in Washington on 12/11/63 & Davis stated that their $2,000 budget was separate from the SNCC participation; WB concluded that VEP should not contribute any more to project.

December 6, 1963

Mr. Earl Davis
Field Director
C.O.P.E.
AFL-CIO
419 W. Clay Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Earl:

Re VEP 3-27
Raleigh, N.C.

Thank you for your informative letter of December 2, regarding the registration program in Raleigh, North Carolina. On November 7, VEP made a grant to the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in the amount of $2000 in support of a voter registration project in Raleigh which was to be directed by Reginald Robinson. It was contemplated that this money would be used to pay the salaries and expenses of the SNCC personnel who were sent there or hired to work on the project.

It would seem to us that this is a major contribution on the part of VEP to the registration effort in Raleigh and I am most interested in knowing what items are included in the $2000 budget described in your letter.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

cc: Mr. Phil Weightman

RTB ✓
WAB ✓

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FROM THE OFFICE OF
EARL W. DAVIS
FIELD DIRECTOR
419 WEST CLAY STREET
RICHMOND 20, VIRGINIA
PHONE: 648-6789

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December 2,1963

Mr. Wiley A.Branton,Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street,N.W.
Atlanta 3,Georgia

Dear Wiley:

After much probing into the situation in Raleigh, North Carolina by your Mr. Randolph Blackwell and yours truly, we have finally started registration operation in said city.

A couple of years ago some students conducted a successful drive in Raleigh. They worked in cooperation with the Raleigh Citizens Association. Mindful of the afore-mentioned drive,Mr.Reginald Robinson of the Student Non*Violent Coordinating Committee was brought in by Mr.Blackwell to lay the groundwork for the recruitment of volunteers for this all-important work. In spite of the various contacts provided by Mr.Blackwell the program was very slow getting off the ground. This was not due to lack of work on the part of Mr. Robinson,but to numerous circumstances over which he had no control. However,we believe that the make up of the RCA played a very important part in the failure of the program to move.

The RCA is made up of virtually all important organizations in Raleigh. But the leaders are busy business men and women, i.e. ministers, teachers, college professors, bankers, etc., who are very dedicated and devoted to the cause, but who are so busy with their career work that they are unable to put the necessary time to registration work. The job will have to be done with the help of outside forces, with the advice and consent of the RCA, to put over a successful drive.

We went into Raleigh and began working with Mr. Robinson and the RCA to help get the program started. We were in touch with Mr. Blackwell by telephone advising him of the progress, or lack of it. As of now the following has happened:

A. The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee has sent in two staff workers to work with Mr. Robinson. with a possibilty of two more coming in.

B. We have gone into certain areas to determine our points of concentration.

C. We have met with some of the precinct leaders to get their help and a meeting with the ministers is in the making.

D. We have discussed many plans for motivation and interest in the drive. One which seems to have appeal is the 'porch lights-on (the Freedom Light) night'. We will leaflet the area, telephone into the area, asking that the Freedom Light for Registration be turned on, on the the desiganted night when we will move in with the floating registrars and the student volunteers to register all in the said area.

E. We have set up an office at 325 E. Cabarrus St. with

a telephone and a secretary to be hired later. Our sign outside reads OPERATION REGISTRATION Raleigh Citizens Association.

In discussing the budget we arrived at a figure of $2,200.00. for a 90 day period. We have insisted that the community raise some of this money and machinery has been set in motion by the RCA to do just that. With your foresight and deep interest in this project,we feel confident that you will be extremely anxious to participate financially,and we are sure that COPE will also help.

Of course in this area some work will have to be done in some parts of the county(Wake county). We are already moving in that direction. We estimate that there is a potential of 13,500 in the entire county of Wake. This is one county,as you are no doubt well aware, where registration is comparitively easy. The Board of Registration is open continuously,ad we have floating registrars,some of whom will be able to go into the county.

This is the situation as we find it,at present,in Raleigh. If further information is desired kindly contact me for same.

Very sincerely yours,

Earl

Earl W.Davis,Field Director
COPE-AFL,CIO

cc: Mr. Philip M.Weightman

FORM VEP 2-3

CUMULATIVE PROGRESS REPORTING

State_____ County_____ City_____ Period Covered_____

RESEARCH REPORTING

Contact by Door-to-door canvass	By other means	Refused to participate	Instructed at home	Instructed at clinics	Applied for regist.	Successfully regist.	Denied registration

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

	Advert. Prom. Print.	Fix. & Equip.	Meals	Lodging	Office Rent	Office Supp.	Postage	SALARIES Reg.	SALARIES Tem.	Tel. & Tel.	Tran. & Trav.	Util.	Miscellan.	
12-31-63								177.78						177.78
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COMMENTS: ① Federal Taxes

April 10, 1964

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
84 Raymond Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Attn. Mr. Worth Long

Gentlemen:

Re VEP 3-27
(Raleigh)

Following Worth Long's request for a supplemental grant for work in Raleigh, North Carolina, I talked with Randolph Blackwell who made a favorable recommendation that the grant be made. After talking with Worth Long on the phone this morning I called Miss Johnson at the SNCC office and was informed that there is a deficit in the amount of $350 for back salaries owed to Messrs. Harris and Love. Worth Long told me that he wanted to run the program for another month and that he would be sending two additional people to Raleigh. It is my understanding that Mr. Love is leaving the project but that Doug Harris will be joined by Messrs. Tom Brown and George Green and that their salaries will continue at the rateeof $35.00 per week.

We have, therefore,mapproved a supplemental grant in the amount of $875.00, $375.00 of which is for back salaries and $525.00 of which is to cover the salaries of your three workers for the next five weeks.

Our check for $875.00 is enclosed.

It is our understanding that none of the three persons who are being sent to Raleigh to work on voter registration will be working in demonstrations in any manner whatsoever and that they will confine their activities exclusively to the voter registration program.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc. 1

April 10, 1964

Mr. James A. Shepard
Shepard Real Estate
424 South Bloodworth Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 3-27

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Please be advised that the Voter Education Project is today making a grant to the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee for continued voter registration work in the Raleigh community.

As a result of communication with the SNCC headquarters, we are assured that three people will be available in the near future to work with you exclusively in voter registration.

Please keep us informed as to the problems and progress of the project; we desire to be of help wherever possible.

Yours truly,

Randolph T. Blackwell
Field Director

RTB:js

WB

April 10, 1964

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Randolph T. Blackwell

Re: TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH JAMES A. SHEPARD

I talked by telephone today with Mr. James A. Shepard, the Raleigh Citizens Association Project Director about the Raleigh program.

This telephone call was occasioned by the fact that Mr. Shepard had written to report that the SNCC workers had become involved in demonstrations at the expense of their registration work.

I asked Mr. Shepard to tell me of the demonstrations, and he said that he could not because the fellows were not being open in their discussions with him.

He pointed out that the people of Raleigh are not opposed to demonstrations, but that demonstrations at this time would not be looked upon favorably for the reason that the commission of the Negro registrar will expire in a few days and they feel that if the registration workers are involved, it will jeopardize their reappointment; and then there is the feeling that since the primary comes up on May 7, all of the efforts available should be used in this regard.

Mr. Shepard indicated that they need and desire to have the fellows to do the kind of organizing that is necessary to make the registration go over smoothly in the evenings. He said that they can get student help but they need some full time students (SNCC).

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Randolph T. Blackwell
Field Director

RTB:js

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Shopping TE4-3218 office
TE2-8777 ~~424~~
James A. Shepard
Real Estate
~~411~~ S. Bloodworth Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

April 7, 1964

1 mo. 35 per wk salary

Tom Brown
Doug Hair
Geo Greer

Mr Randolph T. Blackwell,
Field Director, VEP
5 Forsyth St., NW
Atlanta 3 Ga

5 weeks 30 — March 6 — } 35

Dear Mr Blackwell:

I consider it incumbent upon me to inform you that Messers Love and Haines, the 2 representatives of SNCC have withdrawn from the registration project here because I insisted they could not use our headquarters for street demonstration meetings or participate in such demonstrations themselves. I tried, unsuccessfully, to explain to them, that although I and the community were for these demonstrations, we could not combine demonstrations with registration.

We need some personnel here until May 8 when the registration books close for the May 30 primary. We need to intensify our registration effort because we will offer a Negro candidate for a seat in the N.C. legislature.

You assured me during our conversation that you would see that we had help with our "leg work" as long as we needed such help. We need it rather badly.

Hope your work is going well

Very truly yours
Shepard

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

6 Raymond Street, N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

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April 14, 1964

Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find a receipt in the amount of $875. for our Raleigh, North Carolina project.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

FREEDOM,

James Forman

James Forman
Executive Secretary

JF/jr

VEP 3-27

April 27, 1964

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Randolph T. Blackwell

Re: VRP 3-27 (SNCC)

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Mr. Shepard said that the project is moving smoothly now. He expressed great confidence in Rev. Tom Brown, the designated SNCC project director in Raleigh.

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April 28, 1964

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MAY 11 1964

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Registration Shows Big Negro Gains

Raleigh Times
May 7 1964

By STEVE LEE
Times Staff Writer

Heavy Negro voter registration recently in Wake County has put the ratio of Negro to white voters much closer in line with the Negro-white population ratio than in 1960, the last presidential election year.

There is now one Negro voter for every 4.9 white voters in Wake County. When the books closed for the May primary in 1960 there was only one Negro voter for every 7.4 white voters.

The Wake County population ratio, according to 1960 census figures, is one non-white to 3.86 white persons, including children not of voting age.

Actual figures this year show 11,020 Negro voters on Wake County books and 53,508 white voters for a total of 64,020 registered voters in the county. Registration deadline is tomorrow.

In 1960, when the books closed for the primary, there were 6,300 Negroes and 46,605 whites on the books in Wake County.

Until last Saturday, more than half of the registrations so far this year had been Negroes, according to the Wake elections office.

Saturday's mass registration at the voting places put about 3,000 new voters on the books and may have given the number of white registrations a slight edge, according to elections office employes.

The heavy Negro registration in Wake County this year is part of a statewide drive to put more Negro voters on the books.

In Wake, three roving Negro registrars have been credited with registering many of the new Negro voters.

Various NAACP workers have visited in Wake to urge Negroes to register and to speak on registration procedures. The most recent is Mrs. Daisy Bates, an NAACP worker active in the integration movement in Little Rock, Ark.

She was scheduled to leave Raleigh today after a four-day visit.

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October 25,1963

Memo: to Jim Forman

Subject: Raleigh, North Carolina

The Raleigh Citizens Association is the name of the local group. Headed by Dr. G. R. Davis, Dean of School of Religion, At Shaw University. ~~They are building~~ It is a coordinating body made of Negro organizations with in the city. They have made all the plans for the project like getting maps of the city, three mobile registrars, one for the county and tow for the city, block captains have been named, and a little money has been send in the community. AFL-CIO has a man coming in sometime next week, VEP is giving the local group $300 to use in the project.

Blackwell told them VEP was underwritting SNCC's cost in the community, and that the money had already been gaven to us. He also said we had six or eight people on standby to come in to Raleigh. With this the local group is now ~~lookin~~looking for housing for these people. They want to begin this project soon.

I have talked with the Student body presidents of both Shaw and St. Augustine Colleges. They are willing to work with us on this project. Shaw has ~~this~~ it's homecoming this week end so I did not have long to talk with Mack Sowell, Student President, but we will meet again on Monday at 12:00 to talk more about what Shaw can do for SNCC and What SNCC can do for Shaw. Sowell gave me some names at St. Augustine James Ashton, Student president, Marvin Peaks, Student NAACP president. Ashton I know from a conference in Chapel Hill, N. C. back in May. I think we can count on his help in the project. Peaks looks more like our kind of people. He told me they (Campus NAACP) was working on the hotel Sir Walter Raleigh. They have a meeting with the hotel people on Monday and if they don't open they will

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demonstration. Peaks group at St. Augustine and Sowell group at Shaw are both working on the hotel. I also had a talk with the Dean ~~m~~Davis, at St. Augustine, who said the students are free to do what they want as long as it doesn't Hurt their work at school.

Now this is the way I see things at this point. Sahw's homecoming is this weekend, and St. Augustine's is next weekend. There Isn't to much we are going to get from the schools until all of this is over. I will meet with Shaw on Monday at 12:00, and St. Augustine on Monday Night at 7:30 at which time I will lay out our whole program of voter registration in Raleigh with the hope of beginning the project in Raleigh.

We need to fine six or eight people to come in to Raleigh to work, also money from VEP.

I'll be in Raleigh, N. C. until Tuesday than ~~in~~ I'LL be in Greensboro, N. C. Thursday.

I would like to have as much material as I can have send to me at this address: c/o ~~m~~Dr. G. D. Davis, Dean School of Religion, Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C .

Yours in freedom,

Reggie

cc: Bobbie Yancey
cc: Ruby D. Smith

Monday October 28, 1963

Memo: to: Forman, Ramsey, Smith
Subject: Meeting with Shaw University & St. Augustine's College Students about Voter Registration project in Raleigh, N. C.

Meeting with Shaw students turned out alright. They said they would back our project all the way with what every they could do.

The general climate regarding civil rights on the campus is very receptive. for voter registration and direct action. The Student body backs all actions of this kind. This is the action group at Shaw. They are in the know about SNCC and its activities. One of the persons I talked with was at a conference in Norfolk, Va. with some of our people. The group I talked with said their people are ready for any kind of action jail, walking, talking, and any thing that has to be done.

The faculty and administration at Shaw is receptive to the action of the student body. Like other administration said "the students are free to do what they want to, as long as it does not hurt their work in school. Dr. Grady D. Davis, Dean of School of Religion, is president of Raleigh Citizens Association. There is no groups by name on Shaw's campus. The student gov't backs all activities. They are working with the NAACP group at St. Augustine in activities int the city.

Key Contacts at Shaw:

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Clarence L. Hines Box Hall Shaw U.	Mack Lovell (student body president) Box Hall Shaw U. Office Phone To 3-3812 ext 6	
Home: Rt. 1, Box 235 Halifax, Va.	Rt. 1, Wadesboro, N. C.	

President of College Wm. R. Strassmer, Dean Foster P. Payne

All of these people should be put on the mailing list.

page 2 name: Forman, Yancey, Smith; meeting with Shaw University & St. Augustine
monday, october 28, 1963

Again I feel we have something going for us. I had a long talk with Marvin Peek, president of the NAACP on St.Augustine's campus. He sounds like a real leader of the people.

Peeks said his group would back our progress all the way. The climate of civil rights around St. Augustine is very good. A few months back their was big doings in the way of demonstration here in Raleigh, and I understand the biggest part was done by St. Augustine. Also many members of the faculty walked along with the students. The administration will back the students in anything they do as long as they keep their work in school up to par.

This group along with the students at Shaw make up the action here in Raleigh. Activities at present is the Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel in downtown Raleigh. Peek along with three other members of his group met with the hotel folk today. ~~[illegible]~~ Nothing can out of the meeting, so they had a four man sit-in at the hotel. No body went to jail.

From talking with Dr. Geo. King, Advisor to the NAACP group, the student body president isn't in on the activities as far as civil rights goes. The office is always a tool of the administration and have very little power with the other students.

Best contact at St. Augustine's College:

Marvin Peek, Thomas Hall, president of NAACP campus.

President of College: James H. Boyer

Dean of College: R. Robinson

Student Body President: James Ashton, Thomas Hall

Newspaper Editor: Pen; Maurvens DeBerry

Both groups are willing to work with us on this project! Plans are being made to get the project underway by Monday of Next week. All of these people should be put on our mailing list. Those other workers to commking in here. Keep them on hand until I get the housing for them.

All is going well so far.

Yours in freedom,

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Smith

Memo: To: Forman, Yancey, Smith
Subject: Raleigh, N. C. Voter Registration Project — 1963
Nov. 4, Monday - - - Went to a meeting of the minsters of Raleigh. They all said they would help out in what wyas they could. Rev. Cm. Wm. Ward, of the NAACP, we s the speaker of the day. He talked to them about what part the minister play in the community. Meaning ~~xxxxxx~~ voter registration.
After the meeting Rev. Ward and Mr. J. J. Sanson, chairman of the voter committee RJA, and myself took a picture for "The Carolinian, a Negro weekly newspaper, to let the community know we are doing a voter drive.
Rev. Ward and I then went to Dr. Davis's office to talk more about the project. It was Ward's feeling precinct 26 was to meet tonight so Ward asked me if I could make the meeting. This was just the kind of thing I was looking for so I said OK. We then went over to the office of Dr. Carl E. DeVane, teacher at Shaw, chairman of precinct 26, and talked with him about my coming to the meeting. It was find with ~~him~~ Dr. DeVane.
The 26 precinct is a committee of five people Carl E. DeVane, chairman, Miss M. E. Ligon, Vice Chairman, Mr. James Shepard, Secretary-treasure, Mrs. Dorothy Allen, Mr. Joseph B. Charistmas. The precinct is broken into three parts for canvassing and other work. The part I is ready to go to work there is a Mrs. Haywood who heads this part. She has workers who are ready to canvass. What we afo going to do, is have a meeting of her workers and the students for work shops in how to canvass.
Also today I talked with Mr. James Shepard, who is working on the housing for people coming in to work. He said to get a house would cost to much something like $150 a month. That's if a house can be found. He went on to say he would talk with a Mrs. James, who has a hotel, and she might cut the price for us. At this point housing has not been found.

Tuesday Nov. 5 - - - I went to see Marvin Peek, student contact at St. Augustine's, to let him know where the project was at this point. I told him about the meeting with precinct 26, and asked him what did he thing, It was his feeling this was the place to start. He said the from St. Augustine's would be ready for action when gaven the word.

My next stop was with Mr. John Winters, city council, to also let him know how things were moveing. Mr. Winters is the key contact for the project. His reaction at this point was "let me know if you run into anything you cann't handle."

Mack Sowell, president of student body Shaw, was next on my list of people to see today. Mack and I talked about the work to be done in precinct 26, it was alright with him to start at this point. His reaction was the same as Peek, the Shaw people would be ready for action when gaven the word.

I then had a long talk with Sowell about coming to work for SNCC. He would like to come and work, but he is not to sure at this ~~kimmtime~~. From what little I know of him I feel he is just the kind of people we are looking for. He likes Ruby D. and talkes of her often.

At this point of the day I have not hear from Mr. Shepard about the housing.

Wednesday Nov. 6 - - - RAIN LIKE HELL ALL DAY. MADE PHONE CALLS TO BE FOLLOW UP ON THURSDAY.

Thursday Nov. 7 - - - Talkes with Mrs. James, ower of the HomeE Ecker's Hotel, about housing the workers on voter project. There will be two beds to a room and it would cost each person $6.00 a week. This is better than what I'm paying now $7.50 a week. I'm to see her on Friday about seem office space there in the hotel. The hotel is downtown with eating places and other things right there.

This is the night for the monthly meeting of the Raleigh Citizen Association (RCA). I did not know until this meeting that RCA was going to affiliate with S.C.L.C. I did know that RCA had asked SCLC for money for the voter program. So at this meeting RCA did become an affiliate of SCLC. I don't know at this time what this well do to our project. From talking with some of the people after the meeting I don't think it will hurt what we are doing, but to be on the safe side I'll keep my eyes open.

Before C. T. and Gibbson (SCLC) left they told the ~~mmm~~people after they clean up Danville, Va, North Carolina was next. They plan to make Raleigh the North Carolina base. It's hardto say what will really happen if and when SCLC comes in, because RCA is made of people from NAACP, CORE, and many other groups who at times have put the heads of ther groups out of the city for nonaction. One of the main things that was asked "did the local group have the right to make there own plans and as well as sending money to Atlanta would Atlanta send money or anyother kind of help needed?" C. T.'s reaction "by all means you would make your own plans and as far as getting money from the Atlanta office for help in any program we would be more than glad to do so. This is what we do for all affiliate groups. One group helps aother group."

Friday Nov. 8 - - - Went to talk with Mrs. James about the office space in the hotel. It will cost $30.00 a ~~month for the space~~. It has a lot of room inwhich to work. Mr. Shepard said to me last night that RCA would pay for the rent of the office.

I ~~xhx~~ had a meeting with Mr. Shepard and Mr. J. J. Sanson, chairman of vote c committee, about the rent of the office. It was there feeling that the office rent would be paid by RCA. We should be in this office no later than Tuesday of the coming week. Mr. Sanson is to call together all of the precinct chairman sometime next week to see what they are doing and also for me to meet them and them to meet me.

Saturday Nov. 9 - - - I ~~mmmade~~ a tap for Mr. Winters',city council, Sunday radio show.

Yours in freedom,

Reggie

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Memo: to: Forman, Smith, Yancey, Blackwell (VEP)

From: R. Robinson, Project Director Raleigh, N. C.

The Raleigh Citizens Association (RCA) is a coordinating body made of Negro organizations with in the ciyt. The headed by Dr. G. D. Davis, Dean of School of Religion, at Shaw University.

The plan is to use mobile registratras, one ofr the county, and tws two for the city. There will be five precincts inwhich we will be working. Each precinct will have one staff person to work with, a precinct chairman, bloc captains, black captain and precinct workers.

There are two colleges here in Raleigh, Shaw University and St. Augustine's. Contact has been made with both schools and the leadership at both schools are willing to work with us on this project. The students will be doing most of the canvassing along with the precinct workers and block paptains. Between the two schools we have about 30 students ready to work on the project.

The office is to be used for keeping the record of daily work and for meetings. Precinct chairman will be responsible for keeping up with the bloc captains work and the bloc captains will keep up with the block captains, block captains along with precinct workers and the students will be doing most of the canvassing and other jobs to carry out the project. Staff people will be responsible for keeping records, canvassing, and any other jobs to coordinate the whole project.

It is the feeling of the local folk canvassing should be done between the hours of six and nine at night, because this is the time most people is at home. Canvassing will be done in groups of six to eight people. Before going into any area leaflets will be passed out letting the

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people know the canvassers and the mobile registrars will be in their area on a given day. Than the canvassers and the registrars will go in and register the people.

To register in the county of Wake. You must be a citizen of the United States by birth or naturalization; you must be 21 years of age by the date of the general election; you must be a resident of the state One year and of the precinct for 30 days prior to the election; you must be of sound mind and able to read and write in the English language any section of the Constitution; you must be legally registered; once registered, you need not register again before each election, so long as you vote fairly regularly; you must be reinstated after a felony conviction; You may register at the wake county board of elections ~~xxxx~~five days a week between the hours of 8:30 A. M. and 5:30 P. M. all during the year at the home of the registrar of your precinct by appointment: and at your precinct polling place several Saturdays prior to some elections.

Plans for the county is to get the students to take home ~~xxxx~~slits asking their parents if they are register. Then these slits will be return to the school and then back to us. We will then take the registrar for the county to see these people who are not register. This will also be done in ~~xxxx~~ some of the city schools. This will be done by the N. C. Teachers Association, headed by Dr. Lyons, who is also on the RCA vote committee.

The RCA has gotten the names of every register persons in the five Negro precincts. We are making up a card file of all the people register to date. The slits from the schools will be check by these list and than palced on file cards. With the use of the registration list, slits return by the students, and the city directory as will as people given

names of people not register, we will know who is not on the books. We hope at the end of this project to give to the RCA a card file of all the persons register. This will be a three card file one mainxxxxx card shown the name, address, telephone and precinct, another shown the street, name, telephone and precinct, the last by precinct, name, address, etc.

For the most part our contacts have been very helpful, like getting a office, and other things needed in the office. But they have not given the support as far as contact with other persons inwhich we need to carry out the program. It is my feeling that this type of support will be coming in as we make contact ourselves with other people in the community.

I would like to hear from you your idesa on the project, what other things we can do to make this voter project work for all of us.

Yours in Freedom,

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Field Report: Raleigh, N. C. Voter Project

Project Director: Reginald Robinson

Date: January 13, 1964

The voter project was to have moved into full swing at the start of the New Year. All contacts have been made on both college campuses. There reasons for not being able to work with us at this time is the fact of finals up until Jan 20th.

The college people are not the real hole up on getting people registered. What has been hard to find is people in the community to work with us. Meaning people who would go from door to door in the day time. People who would transport people to the court house, because the moblie registrars have not been appointed as of yet. The ones we had just before xmas was appointed for the "Little Federal" plan which is to be voted on January 14, 1964. The books have been open for registration, but with the holidays and the college people not being in town we have only been able to work in the office on setting up the whole program. The Raleigh Citizen Association (RCA) has not gaven support in the way of people to go door to door or to help in makeing contact with people to do these things. Most of the RCA people are working people and have very little time to work directly with the project. So this is were we stand at this point. After the students have their finals and by then we hope to have the registrars we will move into the main part of the project. Up to that time we hope to get a car

from one of the RCA people and pick up what unregistered people we can.

We have been able to pick up some people from the white college to help out around the office. Contact has also been made with the high school students to work with us, but at this time they to are having finals.

One man, One vote,

Reggie

c. c
Ruby Robinson
Bobbie Yancey
Jim Forman

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325 E. Cabarrus Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Field Report: Raleigh, N. C. Voter Registration Project
Project director: Reginald Robinson
Date: February 6, 1964

When Dottie Dawson was here the whole picture was aother color. She had eighteen people working with her. There eighteen people did all of the office work, canvassing, meetings, and any other thing to make her program what it was. So if we are going to look at her program and mind let us be fair. She did not have to look for canvassers, office workers, people to drive the canvassers around from place to place. Most of all Dottie was not depending on the community to make her project work. When Dottie can in all she had to do was go to work getting people on the books.

I understand that NUMBERS are the most important thing in a registration drive, but if you don't have the people or the support needed to do the job NUMBERS don't mean a hill of beans.

We will be working with public registrars the same as Dottie. The only registrars appointed where the ones used just before the little federal plan (Jan. 14). There are registrars in each precinct, but they register people when they feel up to doing so. The new registrars have just been appointed this past week. We had no say who the registrars would be so one of them is a business man and one is a working man every day and can only work with us at night. The last one by lucky was we woman who not only could work as a registrar but work in the office every day. She also has been working with us at night.

For the past two or three Sundays the office has been open for registration. This project we call "OPEN HOUSE." We sever coffee and cake, and let people walk around and talk with the staff to make more people aware of the project and just what we are doing. With the open house we have been able to pick up 30 or 40 more registrations.

There is a number of PTA's lined up for us to go and register people. This was set up by the RCA and the staff people. The first PTA we were able to register about 62 people in an hours time. At this time we have about five PTA meetings lined up. The PTA meetings have been our in road to the county. We have found people who will work with us to set up other things like church groups, an d let us know when any group of people will be meeting in the county.

The work in the city is moving along as fast as possible. Meaning the precinct inwhich the registrar is to go is canvasses, list is made of the unregister people from the file we have made. This week we are working in precinct 34. The project pick up about 100 people in one nights work. This was done in the housing project in precinct 34.

It is known by all who has work with us on this project that we have not had great numbers, but we have set up a program that will in time mean a much larger number registered than we saw at the start.

Again I would like to say the reason for not having the large numbers registered at this time is not because we have not been working, but because of the small numbers of people working on the project. The fact of the matter is the local group (RCA) is made of working people who do not have the time to put into the project to make it what we see and know can be done.

If at all possible I would like to see this project go farther, because the hard part is over meaningways of getting to the community. Dottie did not have to find the people to work with her.

These are the dates and numbers of people we have gotten registered.

December, 1963 16th we had 29, 17th we had 14, 18th we had 15

January, 1964 25th we had 70, 27th we had 30, 29th we had 30, 30th we had 30

February, 1964 1th we had 45

Contact has been made with all of the colleges in the city. Shaw U., St. Augustine's and North Carolina State College. They have not been coming out in great numbers but given what help they could. Contact has also been made with high school students.

The RCA has gotten the names of every register persons in the five Negro precincts. We have made up a card file of all the people register to date. With the use of the registration list, slits return by the students, and the city directory as will as people names of people not register, we will know who is not on the books. We hope at the end of this project ~~ato~~ to give to the RCA a card file of all the persons register. This will be a three card file one main card showing the name, address, telephone and precinct, another showning the street, name, telephone and precinct, the last by precinct, name, address and telephone.

If at all possible we needed two other persons to work full time on the project. We needed a person to work in couty with the contacts we have made. This person would set up meetings of large numbers of people for the registrars to register at one time.

Raleigh has to be a long range program because of the large number of unregistered people in the city and the county.

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325 E. Cabarrus St.
Raleigh, N. C.

Field Report: Raleigh, North Carolina Voter Project
Project Director: Reginald Robinson
Date: February 9, 1964

Monday Feb. 3 62 people were registered at the Garner, N. C. school PTA meeting (this school is in the county) we go back to garner on March 2.

Tuesday Feb 4. 39 people were registered at the Wendell, N. C. school PTA meeting (this school is in the county). One registrar was sent into precinct 34 with two workers they pick up 17 people.

Wednes day Feb 5 we worked in precinct 34 only was able to pick up 27 people because the registrars would not work any longer than a hour.

Thursday Feb 6. We worked in precinct 34 - Dug and one of the registrars went out about 5:00p.m. pick up 10 people - John and one of the other registrars went out about 7:00 p.m. pick up 23 people.

As of this date we have registered 651 people.

Friday Feb 7. 17 people registered in precinct 34 - one registrar and two workers.

Saturday Feb. 8. March by ministerial alliance - four ministers one registrar five workers 39 people registered.

We have five more PTA meetings in this month planed. Four PTA meetings next month. All the PTA meetings are in the county. More work will be done in precinct 34 this coming week. It is our hope to move into precinct 26 by the end of this week comeing.

Yours in freedom,

Reggie

cc: Long, Blackwell, VEP, Davis, COPE, Forman SNCC

February 28, 1964

Mr. Reginald Robinson
325 East Cabarus Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you for the thorough report on the Orangeburg project. It is regrettable that the plans which you formulated could not be executed. In our recent telephone conversation, you indicated that you had also forwarded a recent report on your Raleigh activities to your Atlanta office. To date, we have not received the copy of that report. Would you alert the appropriate person so that it might be forwarded to us?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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Field Report: Raleigh, N.C.

Date: March 2, 1964

Field Secretary: J.A. Love

Petty politics are still hampering our Voter Registration drive. The Carolinian, the local black newspaper, carried an article in its February 27, 1964 edition written by James Shepard. Shepared is the representitive of the Raleigh Citizens Association (RCA) working with us. His article stated that we had registered 1000 black people in Raleigh. The Raleigh Times, the local white paper, carried an article on February 29, 1964 on Voter Registration in Raleigh, This article used quotes from the Board of Elections Clerk. It said we had registered only seven hundred and sixty five (765) black people, however, more important was the statement to the effect that our registrars were recruited from the ranks of the Young Democrates. We have been receiving complaints from the Republicans who feel this is not a non particine drive. The statement in the Times is not going to help things. Plus the question must be asked what has happened to the two hundred and thirty five (235) names we thought were on the books. A copy of each article is enclosed.

Monday each student at the black Senior and Junior High School (Ligon H.S.) took home a leaflet urging the people to register to vote. Ligon is the only black high school here in Raleigh, therefore the city was theroughly covered.

We have registered this past week thirty nine (39) people at Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meetings this past week, forty seven (47) in our door to door work, ten (10) in the

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drug store and barber shop, and seventy six (76) in the Baptist Grove a small park near an A and P suppermarket. This gives us a total of one hundred and seventy two (172) registered. Five women from the Raleigh Women Voters Council helped us to register people in the park.

Earl Davis, Field Director for the AFL and CIO Committee On Political Education (COPE) was in town for one evening and asked that a meeting be called. Attending the meeting was Earl Davis (COPE), George Booker (Field Representative for the National Democratic Party who was suposedly on loan to COPE), J.J. Sanson (Vice President of the Merchant and Farmers Bank), Ralph Campbell (President of the local NAACP), James Shepard (Justice of the Peace and representive for RCA), and Rev. Charles Ward(First Baptist Church and State Voter Registration Chairmen for the NAACP). Earl Davis had been told by someone that we had left the project unattended on several ocasions- this was corrected. George Booker is leaving town. Mrs Alma Polk who is on loan to the National Council of Negro Woman from the National Democratic Party is coming to Raleigh. She will help organize the women for work in the drive.

Mrs. McLaughlin said the Wake YDC voter registration drive is responsible for much of the increase in registration.

The Wake Board of Elections appointed 10 special registrars from tne ranks of the YDC. They are authorized to register new voters at any time and any place.

Party affiliation of the new voters registered this year are: 1,398 Democrats, 135 Republicans, 617 Independents, and 355 "no party."

Most of the people who were removed from the books during the four voter purges since 1960 have been voters who failed to cast their ballot for six consecutive years.

Other grounds for purging a name on the registration books are death and moving from the county.

The Carolinian

March 5, 1964

REGISTRATION ORGANIZER COMING HERE

Mrs. Alma Polk , Special Representative of the National Council of Negro Women, will arrive in Raleigh this week to implement the efforts now being made in the area of registration.

Mrs. Alma Polk will direct her efforts toward a more active participation of women in the current registration project now being conducted in the Raleigh-Wake County area. This project, sponsored jointly by the RCA-NAACP (Raleigh branch) is seeking to enroll every elegible Negro in Wake County as potential voters.

It is evident that even before the coming here of Mrs. Alma Polk , Negro area women had decided to participate more actively in the registration campaign. On Saturday afternoon women representing the Raleigh Women Voters' League were busy contacting potential registrants in the area of Moore Square. Through their efforts, aidod by volunteer student helpers from Shaw University, St. Augustine College, and N. C. State over 75 additional names were added to the registration lists.

During her stay here, Mrs. Alma Polk will contact all of the women's organizations in and around Raleigh and help their organize registration squads which will canvass the city and county for registration.

Field workers representing the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee are acting as coordinators for this registration project.

from The Raleigh Times February 29, 1964

Voter Registration Here Approaches All-Time High

By STEVE LEE
Times Staff Writer

Voter registration in Wake County is just 493 voters away from breaking the all time record high set just before the 1960 presidential election.

And new registrations for the first two months of 964 are up roughly 900 per cent over registration during the first two months of the 1960 election year.

Figures from Wake Board of Elections Clerk Martha McLaughlin show 59,709 register voters in Wake County. And Mrs. McLaughlin feels the heaviest registration is still to come.

When books closed for the 1960 presidential election there were 60,201 registered voters in the county--an all time high.

Four pages of the books since then reduced this number to 55,627. But with the May primary still almost three months away Mrs. McLaughlin feels the heavy registration will surge the number of voters past the 1960 record.

Already, 1,563 new voters have registered during January and February of 1964 compared to only 189 during the first two months of record year 1960.

Nearly half of those who have registered so far this year have been Negroes--765 compared to 798 whites. Total Negro registration is 9,128.

The Carolinian February 27, 1964

CITY & COUNTY REGISTRATION PASSES 1000 MARK

The current Raleigh-Wake County registration drive has already added over 1000 new names to the registration roll according to the numerical count made by the joint RCA-NAACP registration committee.

While every effort will be made to enroll every elegible Negro resident in the Raleigh area, special emphasis is being focused upon the county townships outside the city limits. It is within these areas where the Negro registration is particularly low. Before the present drive began, there was one township without a single Negro registrant. As fas as can be ascertained, this is the first time any real effort has been made to enroll Negroes in the voting districts outside the Raleigh township.

The registration committee is very pleased to learn that various women's organizations have decided to take an active part in this registration campaign. The Raleigh Women Voters' Council headed by Mrs. Bertha Edwards has announced that on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 29, members of the league will help round up potential registrants around Moore Square, where one of the special registration commissioners will be located. Other local women's clubs will participate on subsequent Saturday afternoons. The current registration project is being aided by volunteer workers sent here by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

Rec'd 3/23/64

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Operation Registration

Date: March 13, 1964

Place: Raleigh, N.C.

Office Address: 325 E. Cabarrus St.

Telephone No. 832-2342

Registered Previously: 1,275 (Dated from January 1, 1964)
(not including report)

Registered this week: 177

Total: 1,308

Saturday we registered fourteen (14) people in Moor Spuare, which ix a small local park near a shopping area and seventeen (17) in Walnut Terrace in door to door work.

March 8 we registered fifty-five people in Whatts Chapel and twenty seven at the Good Hope Baptist Church. March 9 we registered thirty six (36) at a school in Apex, N.C., and twelve in Washington High School here in Raleigh. March 10 no transportation at the last minute because of this we left the office very late. Registered only five people this night in door to door work.

Mrs Millie Veassey, who is the secretary for Dr. Boyer, president of St. Augustine College, is helping me make the arrangement for the students from the Y.W.C.A. She knows Jean Whittet, who is due to come in for the YWCA on March 12 or 13. Mrs Veasey checked room and baard prives for the students once I supplied her with the names of places and peoplee to see. She does not seem to mind too much that I have given her this extra burden.

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I have also made arrangements with Attorney Samuel S. Mitchell to handle cases restoring citizenship. He will do this asking no fee other than court cost, which is about ten dollars. A Restoration of Felons must be carried out if they are to be able to register and vote. Copies of the briefs which he asked me to make alterations on are enclosed.

The registration number given is that given by the Board of Elections. Ours is somewhat higher --- one thousand six hundred and five (1605).

I've been asked by my office to coordinate athe program for the YWCA students.

Raleigh Times 3/12/64

Registration of New Wake Voters Is Ten Times Higher Than in 1960

By STEVE LEE
Times Staff Writer

New voter registration in Wake County is about 10 times as great as at the same time during the 1960 presidential election year and has broken all records.

There are now 60,370 voters on the books in Wake County. The previous all time high was 60,201 in November 1960 when the books closed for the 1960 presidential election.

Four purges of the registration books since then cut this back to 55,627.

At this time in 1960, there was only 47,581 voters on the books, according to the clerk of the Wake Board of Elections, Martha McLaughlin.

This year 2,236 new voters have registered so far compared to only 262 at this point in record year 1960.

Negro registration accounts for more than half of the new voters who have registered this year---1,275 of the 2,236.

Today Negro registration is a much smaller per cent however ---9,639 compared to 50,731 whites.

The Wake YDC's voter registration drive is responsible for much of the increase, according to Mrs. McLaughlin.

Ten special registration commissioners from the YDC are authorized to register new voters any time, at any place.

Most new voters are joining the ranks of the Democratic Party. Party affiliation of Wake voters now stands at 55,074 Democrats, 4,318 Republicans, 621 independents, and 357 no party affiliation.

Voters may register from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Board of Elections Office in the Wake Courthouse. May 8 is the deadline for registering in time to vote in the May 20 primary.

Once a voter is registered, he is eligible to vote in all county-wide elections unless he moves from the county or fails to vote for six consecutive years.

If a voter has moved from one precinct or township to another within the county he must have his voter records transferred to his new precinct.

Re: Plans for Voter Registration Program in coöperation with National Student YWCA and summary of discussion March 13 and 14

There will be two groups

1. First group of approximately 20 (10 men, 10 women) will arrive on Sunday morning, March 22, and leave on Saturday, March 28th.
   Second group of approximately 43 (23 women, 20 men) will arrive Sunday morning, March 29, and leave Saturday, April 3rd.

2. Staff coördinator March 22-28, Miss Jean Whittet, National Staff
   Staff coördinator March 29-April 3, Miss Marjorie Schreiber, YWCA Exec., Oberlin College.
   Staff counseller March 22-28, Miss Miriam Brattain.
   Staff counsellors March 29-April 4, James McPherson, Bruce Clements, The Reverend Joseph Axenroth.

3. Housing: Girls will be housed at YWCA, Davie Street (overflow second week will be housed at Mrs. Vic Peebles).
   Men will be housed at Home Ecker Hotel.

4. Meals: Breakfast and evening meal at Mrs. Vic Peebles.

5. Local arrangements under the general direction of Raleigh Citizens Association, Voter Registration Committee.
   - The Reverend Charles Ward will coördinate plans for orientation.
   - Mr. James Shephard will plan our program of work in the field in consultation with RCA Committee.
   - Mr. John Love, SNCC field representative will coördinate the work teams and assignments.

6. Re: Interpretation to Community - There was discussion of a possible release to the press to be made by RCA. Mr. Ward and Mr. Sansom will work on a draft statement, using background information to be supplied from National Student YWCA headquarters.

7. Mrs. Cook of League of Women Voters and Mrs. Vivian Irving of LWV will try to informally recruit some women from league to work with students.

8. The second week, when group is large, they may also be sent out to adjacent counties to work in rural areas.

9. The emphasis on bi-partisan nature of our efforts needs to be clear both to students and to general public.

10. Possible resources in Raleigh area to assist with orientation, or to be invited to morning seminars.

Mr. Donald Shriver, Presbyterian University pastor, N. C. State
Prof. Howard Miller, N. C. State
Mrs. R. R. Doak, State Chairman Election laws, League of Women Voters
Mrs. Sara Herbens, Good Neighbor Council
Mrs. Cook, Miss Irving, League Women Voters
Mr. John Winters, Raleigh City Council
The Reverend M. Finlayter, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church
Dr. Sam Hill, Chapel Hill, Dept. of Religion, UNCCH
Dr. Waldo Beach, Duke University Divinity School, Christian Social Ethics
Dr. Charles Lyons, N. C. Teachers Association, was suggested as a person to give counsel re: relations with the press.
(Miss Anne Queen, YWCA Exec., UNCCH
(Mr. Harry Smith, Minister to Presbyterian students, Chapel Hill
Both of them have indicated willingness to plan a morning program in Chapel Hill some day to tell students about situation there and tour of campus.

Other things to do - Visit new State Capital
Art Museum

<u>In general</u> - Voter registration program will be late afternoons and evenings. Mornings will be used for special seminars, or for workshop sessions, and work assignments. Any outings or trips should be planned for morning over the noon hour.

First Sunday, March 22nd, group will help with registration at schools where polio shots are being given in afternoon and begin orientation in the evening.

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Meeting of March 13 attended by:
Mr. J. J. Samson
Mrs. Millie Dunn Veasey
Jean M. Whittet
Mr. James Shephard
Mr. Ralph Campbell
Rev. Charles Ward

I was excluded from the meeting of March 14, though I attended the meeting of the 13th.

March 17, 1964

Mr. Douglas Harris
Field Secretary
SNCC
325 Cabarrus, East
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Harris:

We appreciate the weekly report on the voter registration campaign in Raleigh. The manner in which you have set forth the items is highly satisfactory. We hope you will continue to submit your reports in this form.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

Please Forgive Delay
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MAR 14 1964

Operation Registration Weekly Report

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(week of Sat. 2/29/64 - Fri. 3/6/64)

Raleigh, N.C.
325 E. Cabarrus St.
919-8322342

Registered (prior this week)	1,066
Registered (this week)	362
Total to date	1,428

Week's Activities

Sat - Baptist Grove (58) / inside Peebles Grill (22) / breaking in new group of students - canvassing + registering in precinct #35 (6) [86]

Sun - Safety Club - elderly group, inadequately prepared [3]

Mon - Shepard Sch. - Zebulon, N.C. (76) / Garner Sch. - Garner, N.C. (59) / Farmers - Mechanics Bank (15) [150]

Tues - Riley Hills Sch. - Riley Hills, N.C. (32) / Du Bois Sch - Wake Forest, N.C. (81) [123]

Wed - no transportation for precinct work [0]

Thurs - registrars at Raleigh Citizens Association - Mrs. Sanders son ill [0]

Fri - Mrs. Sanders night off - others at NAACP meeting [0]

Pertinent Comments

- lack of readily available transportation an increasing problem - we could up our week day totals greatly if we had a car - voter registration enthusiasm mounting in county - prior to this drive totals frighteningly low in County - a few weeks ago we found that we can not legally make lists of registrants (this kills our ✓ + ✓✓ program and makes for unexplainable discrepancies between our totals and Board of Election totals)

[If you have further questions concerning the project or this report, please notify]

Douglas Harris
Field Sec., S.N.C.C.

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OPERATION REGISTRATION

Date: April 4, 1964

Place: Raleigh, North Carolina

Office Address: 325 E. Cabarrus Street

Telephone: 832-2342

Registered previously----------1,308
(not including report)

Registered these two weeks------- 884

Total----------2,152

WEEKS' ACTIVITIES

There were two groups of YWCA students. The first week there were eleven girls and ten boys. The second week, there were sixteen girls and twelve boys. In general, the Voter Registration program was scheduled for late afternoons and evenings. Mornings were used for a special seminars or for workshop sessions and work assignments. Outings or trips were planned for mornings or over the noon hour. Office teams were used afternoons and nights. Canvassing and leafleting was done during the afternoon, after lunch.

PERTINENT COMMENTS

The first Sunday, March 22, the YWCA group helped with regitration at schools where polio shots were being given. Five hundred and one people were registered this one day by setting up Voter Registration tables outside the schools. I found the YWCA students decidely useful. Our total registration figure is two thousand four hundred and forty-nine (2,449).

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April 10, 1964

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Randolph T. Blackwell

Re: TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH JAMES A. SHEPARD

I talked by telephone today with Mr. James A. Shepard, the Raleigh Citizens Association Project Director about the Raleigh program.

This telephone call was occasioned by the fact that Mr. Shepard had written to report that the SNCC workers had become involved in demonstrations at the expense of their registration work.

I asked Mr. Shepard to tell me of the demonstrations, and he said that he could not because the fellows were not being open in their discussions with him.

He pointed out that the people of Raleigh are not opposed to demonstrations, but that demonstrations at this time would not be looked upon favorably for the reason that the commission of the Negro registrar will expire in a few days and they feel that if the registration workers are involved, it will jeopardize the reappointment; and then there is the feeling that since the primary comes up on May 7, all of the efforts available should be used in this regard.

Mr. Shepard indicated that they need and desire to have the fellows to do the kind of organizing that is necessary to make the registration go over smoothly in the evenings. He said that they can get student help but they need some full time students (SNCC).

Randolph T. Blackwell
Field Director

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STUDENT NON-VIOLENT
COORDINATING COMMITTEE
APRIL 23, 1964

REPORT: RALEIGH, N.C.
FROM: TOM BROWN
TO: WILLEY BRANTON (VEP)

The members of the Student Non-violent Coordination Committee began their Voter's Registration drive April 17, 1964 by registering 10 people that evening. There was a period for about 6 days of which there were no registers due to the expiring of the commissions of the mobil registrars.

On Saturday April 18, 1964 two mobil registrars were reappointed, this meant that 5 previous registrars were not reappointed as mobil registrars, which put a delay in our plans, however on April 18, 1964, 40 people were registered in the park.

Realizing that our big day for Voter's Registration was Sunday April 19th, we then mobilized student from campus to help us in our drive. That Sunday we ran into a great deal of conflict due to the fact that members of RCA were campaigning at the same time Voter's Registration was taking place. It becme very obvious when people were registering they were being told to vote Democrat, I think mainly because there are Negro candidates who are running on the Democratic ticket. That day however, we registered 277 people with two registrars.

On April 20, 1964 a letter was drawn up requesting to the Chairman of the election Board that all precinct registrar be given county wide jurisdiction for the next two weeks. This request was granted Friday, April 24, 1964. That same day April 20th, we registered 23 people, on April 21st, 27 were registered, April 22nd 21 were registered and in a period of five days 388 were registered with 2 regis-

Total 398

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rars. We have noticed that there is a great deal of politicking taking place in Raleigh, but so far we as members of SNCC have managed to stay out of other issue that do not include Voter's Registration, however we feel that we are gradually being worked into the campaign drive through RCA. We still plan to stay out of any issue that does not include Voter's Registration and also get 2,000 Negro Voters.

FREEDOM NOW

Tom Brown

TOM BROWN

April 30, 1964

Mr. Tom Brown
325 E. Cabarrus Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

VEP 3-27

Dear Mr. Brown:

We received in our office today two reports dated April 23 and 24 respectively. The reports are similar in many respects, but the one dated April 23 contains a paragraph not included in the other communique. In order that we may keep accurate records, would you let us know which report represents the true picture of your activity?

We shall expect to hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

MAY 5 1964

STUDENT NON-VIOLENT
COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MAY 3, 1964

REPORT: RALEIGH, N.C.
FROM: TOM BROWN
TO: MISS BARBARA WHITAKER (VEP)

I want to personally apologize for the mistake that was made in sending the report, there was a confict among the so called secretaries here and I wasn't aware that two reports were sent. The report that I am responsible for is the report dated April 23, 1964 of which I made a carbon copy for myself.

I would like to mention that it is very hard to get the full report on the Voter's Registration Project due to the many channels we have to go through. The reports that we send or those numbers of individuals whom we with the registrars go out ourselves and put on the books. There has been a great deal of changing of registrars in the past week in which we have had more people registered and this has caused us to become confused in tallying the people who have registered.

I want to thank you for drawing my attention fo the mistake of the reports and this will not happen again.

FREEDOM NOW
Rev. Tom Brown
REV. TOM BROWN

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125 E. Third Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.

SEP 16 1963

W.B. ✓
J.M. ✓

September 14, 1963

Mr. R. T. Blackwell
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

1/3 in January

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Please find enclosed copies of the Budget, Proposed Voter Registration Project, and Winston-Salem -Forsyth County Population Statistics. If the grant is made, the money will be deposited with the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company and all disbursements will be paid by checks, which will be signed by both of us as authorized representatives of CORE and NAACP.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Jackson

Dr. F. W. Jackson
NAACP

Louise Wilson

Louise Wilson
CORE

I concur with some reluctance
JM

This looks like a reasonable proposal to me. I favor a grant of $750.00. There is room for them to cut back in the area of publicity and secretary supplies.
R.B.

Eye catching posters will be posted through out the city and county in conspicuous places.

Radio forums will be held regularly.

Television appeals dramatizing the importance of voting will be held.

Newspaper advertisements.

Hand bills that will be so appealing that they will attract a child's attention.

Advertisement will be one of our main motivating forces. The goal for the drive will be to register 5,000 people. Length of drive will be eight (8) weeks. This drive will be called Voter Registration Project under the auspices of NAACP and CORE.

F. W. Jackson

Dr. F. W. Jackson
NAACP

Louise Wilson

Louise Wilson
CORE

PROPOSED VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

SPONSORS

NAACP AND CORE

Drive to start with a kick-off similar to United Fund Campaign.

The city will be divided into blocks with cash prizes given to the person securing the most registered voters.

Telephone Campaign will be carried on daily.

There will be door to door registration, community registration, door to car registration, and precinct registration with refreshments.

In North Carolina it is not necessary for a registrar to be stationary, he or she can be mobile.

Baby sitting service will be available for those who desire it.

Mothers march to register and fathers march to register.

EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

A Registration Sunday will be held at all Negro Churches in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

The campaign will use volunteer workers from the NAACP Branch of the Winston-Salem State College, the Winston-Salem Core Chapter, and the Winston-Salem branch adult chapter.

The total amount of volunteer workers will be 500.

Voter Registration Clinics will be held through out the city and county.

Voter Registration Mass Meetings will be held with speakers.

WINSTON-SALEM AND FORSYTH COUNTY POPULATION STATISTICS

Total City	111,135
Negroes in City	49,500
Negroes Registered	13,000
Total County	78,303
Negroes in County	7,600
Negroes Registered	2,349

BUDGET

Office space	$ 60.00
Co-ordinator	600.00
Secretary	360.00
Telephone	20.00
Cash prizes	200.00
Publicity	$250 -$500.00*
(a) Television	
(b) Radio	
(c) Newspaper	
Transportation	$ 400.00
Hand bills	50.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Refreshments	150.00
Secretary Supplies	
Stamps	$ 300.00
Letterheads	100.00
Second Sheets	50.00
Envelopes	100.00
Folders	5.00
Carbon paper	2.00
Typewriter (rental)	5.00
Memo-graph machine(Rental)	5.00
TOTAL BUDGET	$3,007.00*

* $500.00 added for Publicity in total

3-28

October 4, 1963

Dr. F. W. Jackson
125 E. Third Street 724-8112
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Considering the money and time which has already been put into a research study to determine who and where the unregistered voters are in Winston-Salem, it seems foolish to start a voter registration program without first trying to get the materials and information gathered from the survey so that a more meaningful actual registration campaign might be conducted. With this thought in mind we will try to get these materials for you.

In the light of the report from our Field Director, Mr. R. T. Blackwell, we will approve a tentative budget for an eight-week voter registration program under the joint sponsorship of NAACP and CORE in the amount of $2000. We feel that this amount should be sufficient if meaningful use is made of the information which should be available from the Urban League survey.

We think you and your committee should have an opportunity to study the Urban League files before launching your program and you may expect to hear from us within the next few days. You might also make personal contact with Mr. Harvey on that end to expedite matters.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

10-24-63

bc: Dr. F.W. Jackson

October 17, 1963

Mr. S. D. Harvey
Winston-Salem Urban League
610 Coliseum Drive
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Thank you for your letter of October 7 in reply to ours of October 4, regarding your card files containing names and addresses of the registered and unregistered voters in Winston-Salem. It is regretable that VEP did not have in its files a letter or a report from the Winston-Salem Urban League explaining that a second phase of the voter education project was planned and that you anticipate operating it from November until next March. I note that you plan to operate this program without any additional funds but if volunteer help is expected to do this job (and we strongly urge volunteer help) then it causes us to wonder why it was necessary to pay people to make the survey.

As matters now stand VEP feels compelled to support a joint NAACP-CORE project to conduct a 60-day voter registration drive in Winston-Salem and we wish to make full utilizations of the information and materials which were gathered by the Urban League. This effort should result in increased registration and would reduce the number of unregistered people which you would have to work with in your second phase. If we launch the NAACP-CORE program immediately then you could defer the second phase of the Urban League program until some time after January 1, 1964. Will you make available all of the names and addresses of unregistered voters, including your card files and other materials to the local

NAACP-CORE group with the understanding that these materials will be fully protected and returned to you upon completion of a 60-day registration program?

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
cc: Mr. Heman Sweatt

RETURN THIS COPY TO VEP

Receipt acknowledged this 14th day of November, 1963.

Signed: Felix W. Jackson

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 205 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

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November 12, 1963

Dr. F. W. Jackson
125 E. Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Re VEP 3-28

Pursuant to your letter of September 16, 1963, which was also signed by Mrs. Louise Wilson, we have decided to make a grant in the amount of $2000 to a joint NAACP-CORE voter registration program in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This is to run for approximately eight weeks. In accordance with our telephone conversation yesterday we are enclosing our initial check in the amount of $1000 made payable to the Voter Registration Project of Winston-Salem, and the final check will be sent in approximately three or four weeks dependent upon your financial accounting.

It is our understanding that this voter registration program is under the joint sponsorship of the Winston-Salem branch of NAACP and the local chapter of CORE. The proceeds of this check and all subsequent monies from VEP should be deposited in a special checking account and no other funds should be mixed with this account. We are sending you a supply of vouchers, under separate cover, and you will be required to prepare a voucher in support of each expenditure and we would like a detailed financial accounting at the end of each week, together with vouchers for the previous week's expenditures. Please save all canceled checks and bank statements as we will need to examine these at the conclusion of the project or possibly at other intervals.

All activities of your voter registration project should be strictly non-partisan and no portion of our grant may be used to engage in partisan politics whatsoever, nor to support any particular political candidate. We are enclosing a statement concerning the general conditions which are imposed upon all VEP grants. If there is anything that you do not understand or which you feel that we can help you with in any way then please feel free to communicate with this office.

A carbon copy of this letter is enclosed and you are required to acknowledge receipt of the initial check in the amount of $1000 and your understanding of the terms and conditions of this grant by signing this copy and returning it to us at once.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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cc: Mr. John Brooks
Dr. John Morsell
Mr. Marvin Rich

November 13, 1963

Dr. F. W. Jackson
Voter Registration Project of
Winston-Salem
125 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

RE: VEP 3-28

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Mr. Branton informs me that in a recent telephone conversation you indicated to him your intention to report to VEP weekly on the progress of your registration drive, as well as on its fiscal aspects. The purpose of this letter is to give you some information which may prove useful in making up your weekly reports.

As I am sure you know, VEP is a research project whose purpose it is to accumulate as much reliable information as possible about problems encountered in Negro registration in the South, and the successful methods of overcoming these problems. We find it useful to categorize the problems as those external to the Negro community, and those internal to it. This, of course, is by no means to say that there is no connection between the two categories; it is simply a way of making a preliminary distinction between problems which arise directly from white attitudes, and those which arise directly from Negro attitudes. Thus, in your first report, we would like to have a brief discription of any techniques of white resistence to Negro registration in Winston-Salem of which you are aware. In the same report, we would like to have a brief summary of the problems you see arising from any existing conflicts among Negro leadership, and attitudes of indifference, fear, et cetera, among Negroes in general. After a description of these problems, we would then like a brief summary of the measures you propose to take in resolving the problems.

We are particularly interested in this project because it appears to involve an unusual degree of cooperation between local chapters of NAACP and CORE. We would like a brief description of the leadership roles which personnel from each of these organizations are taking.

If you have any questions or problems with regard to this reporting, please let us know about hhem at your earliest convenience. We are sending you under separate cover, a supply of forms which can be used for quantitative reporting, if you find it convenient to do so. In any case, we hope you will be able to report to us weekly on each of the items asked for on the form.

My very best wishes for a successful project.

Very truly yours,

Jack Minnis
Director of Research

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~~12-11-63~~
12-20-63

December 6, 1963

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Jack Minnis

RE: The Winston-Salem/CORE/NAACP Project: VEP 3-28

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Bill Coleman and Mr. Sweatt called today and asked for you. When they were informed that you were not in the office, then they asked to speak to me.

Coleman did the talking. He asked me if the CORE-NAACP project had received the survey materials from Urban League in Winston-Salem, and if we and the CORE-NAACP project were satisfied with the cooperation we had received from the Urban League. I told him about Mr. Harvey's sending us the clipping from the Journal, and that we were in the process now of finding out from the CORE-NAACP people the precise nature of the survey or canvass work they are doing in Winston-Salem, and also finding out from them whether they have received the survey results from Mr. Harvey.

I told him it had been our understanding that Mr. Harvey was going to turn the results of the survey over to the CORE-NAACP project. At that point, he said that that was his understanding, and he asked Sweatt if it was his. Sweatt agreed. Coleman then said that he had been consigned about the material that was in the clipping sent to us by Mr. Harvey. He said he could not understand the reason for any more survey work in Winston-Salem. I told him again that we were in the process of getting the CORE-NAACP side of the story, and that we figured maybe the newspaper account was misleading. I said we thought it possible that the survey work mentioned in the newspaper clipping was actually canvass work based upon the results of the Urban League survey.

Then, Coleman and Sweatt said that the reason they had called was that they wanted to assure us that they stood ready to cooperate in every way, and to help in straightening out any difficulties which may have arisen, or which may arise in Winston-Salem. I told them we would let them know when we had heard from the CORE-NAACP project.

Jack Minnis

12-11-63

December 5, 1963

Dr. F. W. Jackson
125 E. Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

RE: VEP 3-28

Dear Dr. Jackson:

A person professing interest in the Negro community in Winston-Salem has brought to our attention a clipping from the Winston-Salem Journal of December 2, in which your voter registration drive is described. The clipping states that according to Kenneth R. Williams, III, a canvass of the Boston section of Winston-Salem has been completed by your project, and that "....nearly every eligible voter not registered said he would register." The article also indicates that Williams said that your project would take the necessary steps to register those who had promised as soon as the entire survey is complete.

We are well aware that newspaper stories do not necessarily reflect what is really going on in the community. On the other hand, as I think Mr. Blackwell discussed with you on his last visit with you, we had felt that the Winston-Salem community had been rather well surveyed during the course of an Urban League "interiorization" project which we supported there earlier this year. It is my understanding that Mr. Harvey of the Winston-Salem Urban League had agreed with Mr. Branton that the results of the Urban League survey project would be made available to your project, thus, we supposed, making a resurvey unnecessary.

If you have not been able to obtain the results of the Urban League survey, or if for whatever reason you have not found them sufficient for your purposes, we would like to know about it.

We hope you will not construe this letter as an unwarranted interference in the conduct of your project. We in no way intend to tell you how to conduct it. On the other hand, we are reluctant to see more money invested in survey work in Winston-Salem unless it is absolutely unavoidable.

As I mentioned in my letter of November 13, we had understood that you would be reporting to us weekly on your progress. As yet, we have not received a report, and apparently the project has been underway for more than two weeks. We would appreciate hearing from you in the near future as to your progress thus far, and then regularly in accordance with my letter of November 13.

Let me conclude by emphasizing the fact that we by no means assume your conduct of the project thus far in any way unsatisfactory. The purpose of this letter is to clear up the questions raised by the person who sent us the Journal clipping as to the utility and the necessity of further survey work in Winston-Salem.

My very best wishes for a successful project.

Very truly yours,

Jack Minnis
Director of Research

JM:js

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WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

CORE Field Secretary to Speak

Voter-Registration Rally Set

With "productive results" already tabulated, two Winston-Salem civil rights organizations will sponsor a voter registration-education rally at 7 p.m. Sunday at Fries Auditorium at Winston-Salem State College.

A voter - registration project cosponsored by the local chapters of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has been under way here since late September.

"Voter registration is one of the most important jobs in the fight against discrimination," said Kenneth R. Williams III yesterday.

Williams is one of the new cochairmen of the CORE chapter here. He is a senior majoring in English at Winston - Salem State and is a son of the school's president, Dr. Kenneth R. Williams.

The other cochairman is Charles McNeely, a senior at Paisley High School. Williams and McNeely were elected in November to succeed the Rev. Thomas Smith and A. B. Reynolds Jr.

The main speaker at the rally will be the Rev. B. Elton Cox, North Carolina field secretary for the national CORE organization.

Leaflets announcing the rally were distributed here yesterday.

Williams said the rally was to emphasize the project. The project goal, he said, is to register every eligible Negro voter in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County by next year's general election.

He said a completed canvass of the Boston section showed "productive results. Nearly every eligible voter not registered said he would register."

Williams said the groups would begin work this week in an area in East Winston roughly defined by 21st Street north to 31st Street.

As soon as the entire survey is complete, Williams said, the CORE and NAACP chapters plan to take the necessary steps to register those promising to register.

Williams said voter registration was necessary to obtain legislation for securing civil rights. "The simplest and fastest way to bring about civil rights legislation," he said, "is to put liberal legislators into power."

Gains Through Legislation

He said that most of the major gains in civil rights have been made through legislation and that cities having civil rights legislation have had the least racial violence.

"Influencing legislation is always one of the primary aims of CORE demonstrations," Williams said.

Williams said that the new CORE headquarters is Lloyd Presbyterian Church on Chestnut Street between Seventh and Liberty streets. It replaces St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

He said that CORE meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Lloyd Presbyterian. A new executive board is to be elected this Tuesday, he said.

During the remainder of the voter-registration project, Williams said, CORE and NAACP will meet at Lloyd Presbyterian from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Williams also said that CORE plans a memorial march for assassinated President John F. Kennedy. The date and place will be announced.

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Via Air Mail Special

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

In regards to our telephone conversation yesterday, I am herewith enclosing a clipping from the Winston-Salem Journal, dated December 2, 1963.

I will call you on Wednesday, December 4th regarding the article and local implications.

Sincerely yours,

S.D. Harvey

S.D. Harvey

cc: Mr. H.M. Sweatt

VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

OF

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

Rec'd Jan 6, 1964

OUTLINE OF VOTER REGISTRATION

December 16-17, 1963 - College group worked between class hours at all bus stops (predominately Negro.) People who were not registered were encouraged to go to court house to register. Those who registered and missed bus service were given transportation by Father Smith, L. Wilson, Kenneth Williams, III and Dr. Jackson. This was a new experiment and created a great deal of interest. However this is not a project that can be carried on too often or too long - because of bus conflicts. It will be tried at intervals during the hours of changing shifts of the factories. Registered 94.

December 21, 1963 - Group met at church and covered Skyland New Development - Registered or changed registration 63.

December 26 - 27, 1963 - Groups of college students with registar took 100 cards from file and worked one area - number registered 48. Others promised to call when ready to register or go to court house. A few had moved since survey.

High school groups took 50 cards and registered 21. To finish this area at next street coverage.

December 28, 1963 - Methodist Men's Club of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church assisted a group of young people in covering Cleveland Avenue Project. 87 registered.

January 1, 1964 - Young people assisted in the Emancipation Program at Court House. Voter Registration was stressed - All persons present were registered, but many volunteered services.

VEP 3-28

December 20, 1963

Dr. F. W. Jackson
125 E. Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Re VEP 3-28

Enclosed are the cancelled checks and the bank statement for the month of November, which you sent us as part of your financial reporting last week.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

enc.

January 8, 1964

Mrs. Louise Wilson
1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Mr. Branton received your letter of January 3, in which you requested the balance of your grant now - $500.00 - and has asked me to send the enclosed check to you.

I had already typed a letter to Dr. Jackson concerning financial reporting when I received the above instructions and so I am enclosing that letter with this one.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

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1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.
January 3, 1964

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Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

JL has vouchers

Dear Mr. Branton:

It indeed was a pleasure meeting you. We were very sorry you could not spend more time in Winston-Salem to see our project in action. However, we have had a most wonderful Christmas drive. Students back from college and the Army immediately called and offered to work during their Christmas vacation. As a result of their efforts and the fact that December 28th was the last day to register to vote on the "Little Federal Plan" of North Carolina, we held three successful registration days.

Mr. Harvey has turned over to us 1,825 more cards. He will turn over the rest as soon as his secretary has completed cards. As of our last count, including 348 in our last drive, we have registered or changed registration of approximately 1,100. We have great hopes- with our new cards we hope to register at least 300 per week.

Please send us the balance of our grant - $500.00 and $500.00 the first of February. We plan to close our drive as you requested. However, we do not plan to stop working for more voters. We also hope to stimulate those already registered to the value of their ballot.

We hope you will return, if only to spend a few hours and meet the young people of this project. Any ideas you have that might help our campaign - please send them to us.

Sincerely yours,

L. G. Wilson

F. W. Jackson

Louise Wilson
F. W. Jackson

LW/FWJ/id

January 8, 1964

Dr. F. W. Jackson
125 E. Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Thank you for your recent checks and bank statements for the month of December. I have entered these figures into our books and return them herein for your files.

Mrs. Wilson, in a note on a voucher, seemed to feel concernere-garding her manner of reimbursing herself for use of personal funds for the project. She needn't be. Her method of report-ing these reimbursements is perfectly satisfactory since the checks show so clearly and comprehensively what the ex-penditures were for and since she attaches receipts to the vouchers and checks, we are very happy with this kind of re-porting.

We do need one thing for our Research files and that is a copy of the "rally program" for which your check in the a-mount of $25.00 was written to the Miller Printing Company on December 7, 1963. Will you kindly include this in your next reporting.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

JL: lg

January 18, 1964

Mr. S. D. Harvey
Executive Director
Winston-Salem Urban League
610 Coliseum Drive
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Harvey:

This will acknowledge receipt of approximately 2525 cards listing the names and addresses of unregistered persons in Winston-Salem, together with a metal file cabinet, all of which you have turned over to Mrs. Louise Wilson at the request of the Voter Education Project.

I have asked Mrs. Wilson and Dr. Jackson to keep up with all of the cards and any other materials which they might have obtained from the Winston-Salem Urban League so that they can turn the materials back over to you at the completion of their current project.

In your letter of January 14, you stated that "it was too late to recall 600 cards...given to the West Winston Civic Council...in November, 1963." It was my understanding, when I was in Winston-Salem on December 18, that you still had the cards for the Carver Crest and Kimberly Park precincts but that you had agreed to give them to the West Winston Civic Council after January 1. I apparently misunderstood you, but in any event I would assume that the West Winston Civic Council is doing the same work with the cards as would be done by NAACP-CORE, and it is actual registration that all of us are committed to.

I appreciate the courtesy and very frank discussion which you accorded me while in Winston-Salem and I hope that my next visit will afford me more time in your city.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
cc: Mrs. Louise Wilson

UEP 3-28

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January 14, 1964

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Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

On December 27, 1963 I gave to Mrs. Louise Wilson a metal 3x5 file cabinet and the following cards with addresses and phone numbers of non registered persons in Winston-Salem, as compiled from facts gathered in "Voting Characteristics Survey" conducted in the Summer, 1963 under sponsorship of Voter Education Project and the Winston-Salem Urban League:

Fairview	100
Columbia Heights	50
Fire Station	150
Diggs	350
Gray	100
Skyland	150
14th Street	800
Spot Check	125

As we discussed the matter on your recent visit here, it was too late to recall 600 cards of non registered persons in the Carver Crest and Kimberly Park precincts given to the West Winston Civic Council under a commitment made in August and put into operation by a registration campaign of the West Winston Civic Council in November, 1963.

I previously gave Mr. Andrew Reynolds, Jr. 700 cards which he turned over to Mrs. Wilson, thereby bringing the total to 2,525 cards now in the possession of Mrs. Wilson from the Voter Education survey conducted this summer.

Please acknowledge receipt of the cards given to Mrs. Wilson at your earliest opportunity.

If I can be of further service, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

S. D. Harvey
Executive Director

SDH/hb

cc: Mr. Heman Sweatt

1-30-64

January 23, 1964

Mrs. Louise Wilson
1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Re VEP 3-28

Perhaps it was not made clear to you initially that financial reporting is due in this office each week. It is almost a month now since we have received financial reporting from your project and an additional $500 supplement has been sent for your program since that time.

Would you kindly bring us up-to-date on financial reporting and also send us a copy of the "rally program" for which your check in the amount of $25.00 was written to the Miller Printing Company on December 7, 1963. We need this program for our research files.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

2-5-64

January 29, 1964

Dr. F. W. Jackson
125 E. Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Mrs. Louise Wilson
1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Wilson and Dr. Jackson:

Re VEP 3-28

We are enclosing our check in the amount of $500.00 representing payment of the balance due to your project on the grant which was approved November 12, 1963.

I would appreciate knowing just what results you achieved in the final days of your drive and would like your personal observations and recommendations regarding voter registration activity at any time during 1964.

It is my understanding that the Urban League plans to conduct a follow-up volunteer campaign by using the cards which they made available to your project and perhaps you should check with them to ascertain just when they plan to get their program under way so that you can arrange to turn back over to them all of the cards and materials which were used in the NAACP-CORE project.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc. 1

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NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE

January 30, 1964

JAN 31 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

This in to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter.

The West Winston Civic Council, as well as all of us, is interested in registrations. They will register non registered persons and report to me on their progress, and in turn I will give you periodic reports.

Sincerely yours,

S. D. Harvey
Executive Director

SDH/hb

A Program Based Upon Interracial Teamwork and Cooperation For Community Betterment

3-28

2-5-64

January 29, 1964

Mr. S. D. Harvey
Executive Director
Winston-Salem Urban League
610 Coliseum Drive
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Harvey:

I note that the time is rapidly approaching when you had planned to start your follow-up voter registration campaign and I would appreciate learning what definite plans you have made regarding the start of this program and how long it is to run.

Kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

2-10-64

February 3, 1964

Mrs. Louise Wilson
1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Thank you for your letter of January 30. It was received in this office on the day we moved to a different floor and as a result I was unable to reply to it until today.

Mr. Branton is out of the city so I cannot check with him to be certain but I suspect the reports he requested you to submit to this office monthly were the progress reports for your program. Financial reporting is required weekly, most projects simply mailing us their vouchers and check carbons at the end of each week. Our experience has been such that we find our accounting is much more successful if it is done on this weekly basis.

Thank you again for writing me.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.
January 30, 1964

Miss Jean Levine
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsythe Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Levine:

I hasten to answer your letter as it left me greatly confused. When I talked with Mr. Branton on his recent visit to our city, he told me to report as I have been - that is at the end of each month - send checks attached to each voucher - with full explanation. This I have done, but will be happy to change procedure for next month, if this is what has been decided. Please let me hear from you immediately. I am sure Mr. Branton is aware that I clearly understood this when we talked. If there is to be a change please inform me, I will be only to glad to comply with your wishes.

The program you requested has already been forwarded. We are now in the midst of our plans for V. R. Day. The Chamber of Commerce has offered the use of the mobile unit for two days, February 7th and 8th. I will send you copies of all publications and advertisements. Also I have sent two tapes of previous radio broadcasts. I will receive returned checks in a few days from the bank and will immediately send report.

Respectfully yours,

Louise Wilson

Louise Wilson
F. W. Jackson

LW/FWJ/id

Making It Easy to Register

THE Forsyth Board of Elections, assisted by the Chamber of Commerce, is conducting a promising experiment in voter registration. On Friday and Saturday of each week through March 7, a mobile registration unit will be stationed in some frequented spot away from the center of the city. This will give potential voters around the edges of town a convenient opportunity to get their names on the books.

The unit, which is set up in a trailer, will be at Thruway Shopping Center this week, Feb. 14-15. On Feb. 21-22 it will be at Northside Shopping Center, on Feb. 28-29 at Parkway Plaza Shopping Center, and on March 6-7 at Reynolda Manor Shopping Center.

This past weekend, with the unit at Diggs School on Friday and at Carver School on Saturday, it handled a combined total of 230 new and transferred registrations. This was certainly enough business to get the experiment off to a successful start.

If it does as well or better at its other stops, the trailer will have made a worthwhile dent in the 45,000 or more persons in Forsyth who would be eligible to vote if only they would register.

WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL

222 Voters Visit Local Mobile Unit

2-14-64

The mobile voter registration unit sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Elections was at Thruway Shopping Center yesterday.

During the morning more registrants visited the unit than the small staff could handle. By 5 p.m. 222 people had either registered or transferred their names to other precincts. The unit will return to the center today.

The chamber sought the help of the League of Women Voters, which readily provided volunteers to assist in the project.

Elections officials said only the regular staff is authorized to give the oath required of new registrants, but the volunteers are needed to assist in process-the applicants for registration.

The unit is to follow this schedule: Northside Shopping Center, Feb. 21-22; Parkway Plaza Shopping Center, Feb. 28-29; and Reynolda Manor Shopping Center, March 6-7.

7 of 14th

We carried 30
people here to
register. However
we were aware
that many negroes
stopped at Hart
while at shopping
center. Since

records are no
longer kept according
to race - we will
have to check
~~predominately~~
predominate negro
wards attending
Drew.

West Winston Civic Club

VOTER REGISTRATION

LIMBERLY PARK HOLINESS CHURCH

417 BURTON STREET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1964 9 - 5 P.M.

DEAR PARENT:

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

HAVE YOU VOTED IN THE PAST SIX YEARS?

IF YOU HAVE MOVED RECENTLY, PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOU ARE REGISTERED IN THE RIGHT PRECINCT. IF YOU ARE OVER 21 AND CAN SIGN YOUR NAME - - - PLEASE REGISTER.

Hschools in area
same as before copies
according to enrollment)

VOTER REGISTERATION

HAPPY HILL GARDENS OFFICE

920 MOCK STREET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1964 : 10 - 5 P.M.

DEAR PARENT:

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

HAVE YOU VOTED IN THE PAST SIX YEARS?

IF YOU HAVE MOVED RECENTLY, PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOU ARE REGISTERED IN THE RIGHT PRECINCT. IF YOU ARE OVER 21 AND CAN SIGN YOUR NAME - - - PLEASE REGISTER.

Taken to 3 schools to be passed out to students 500-600 to each school, according to enrollment

VOTER REGISTRATION

ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPOL CHURCH

CORNER 11th and HIGHLAND AVENUE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1964 - 9 - 5 P.M.

FREE TRANSPORTATION - CALL PA 2-6911

DEAR PARENT:

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HAVE YOU VOTED IN THE PAST SIX YEARS?

IF YOU HAVE MOVED RECENTLY, PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOU ARE REGISTERED IN THE RIGHT PRECINCT. IF YOU ARE OVER 21 AND CAN SIGN YOUR NAME * * * PLEASE REGISTER.

Crawford to Run For State House

Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel 2-12-64

By Jesse Poindexter
Staff Reporter

Former Alderman William R. Crawford said yesterday he will seek the Democratic nomination for the State House of Representatives from Forsyth County.

Crawford, a Negro minister, campaigned unsuccessfully for the General Assembly in 1962, running fourth in the race for the three seats in the State House.

He became the first candidate to announce for the House this year. Incumbent Reps. Fred F. Bahnson Jr. and Claude M. Hamrick have not discussed their plans.

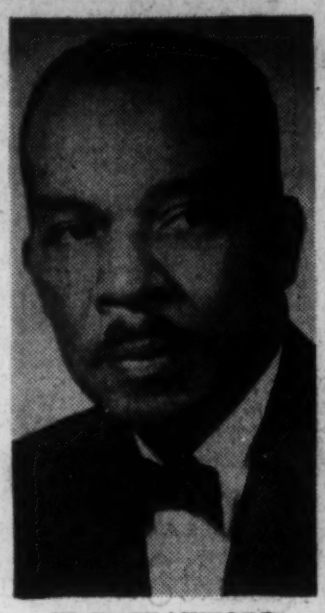
No Negro has won a seat in the General Assembly in this century. Crawford said he felt it could be accomplished, provided he can overcome racial prejudice.

Crawford, 53, said he had a special reason for having his announcement published today —Feb. 12. This is Brotherhood Week and today is Lincoln's birthday.

"I know of no more appropriate time to express my interest in people and my desire to be of service to my fellow man in this county and state," he said in a statement.

"It is with a deep sense of humility that I make this announcement, because to be a servant of the people one must be humble. And, politics is people."

Crawford said it is his belief that in political life "It is hard to be all things to all people,"



W. R. CRAWFORD
. . . former alderman . . .

adding, however, that "all my life I have tried to be fair to all."

He repeated a statement made in 1962, when he announced for the House. This statement was published in national magazines, and he said it is still appropriate today:

"I believe the people have come to place more importance on the qualifications and abilities of their candidates for office and less on the color of their skins.

"A vote for good legislation is nonetheless good just because

See Crawford, Page 2

Staff Photo by Tom Pitts

A prospective voter steps up to the mobile registration unit.

Registration Drive Begins

With the help of the Chamber of Commerce, the Forsyth Board of Elections took registration to the people today.

Residents of the Diggs School area who have for one reason or another found it inconvenient to register before, could do so in a trailer parked at the school.

The trailer, provided by Piedmont Mobile Homes through arrangements with the Chamber of Commerce's State and Local Government Committee, will move to various locations during the next five weekends.

Tomorrow it will be at Carver School from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On Feb. 14-15 it will be at Thruway Shopping Center.

Feb. 21-22 it will be at Northside Shopping Center.

Feb. 28-29, it will be at Parkway Plaza Shopping Center.

March 6-7 it will be at Reynolda Manor Shopping Center.

The hours at each shopping center will be the same as the shopping center hours—9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

The mobile registration plan was devised to help those people register who may have postponed doing so because of a lack of parking space around the courthouse.

The Board of Elections lists 75,084 persons as registered. But at least 45,000 eligible people are not registered.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

IF

— YOU HAVE MOVED RECENTLY

— YOU HAVE NOT VOTED WITHIN THE PAST SIX YEARS

— YOU HAVE NEVER REGISTERED

THEN

— YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE IN THE NEXT ELECTION

BUT

— THERE WILL BE A REGISTRAR AT ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ALL DAY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

IF

— YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION CALL PA-2-6911

AND A C.O.R.E. VOTER REGISTRATION WORKER

WILL COME BY FOR YOU

ANYONE

— WHO CAN SIGN HIS NAME AND IS 21 YEARS OLD IS ELIGIBLE AND

<u>CAN VOTE</u>

PLEASE COME AND REGISTER

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

FOR

FREEDOM

Handbill

We are sorry we did not keep a good one of these to send. This is one of the first we ran off mimeo — before adjustments

This is now
official – many
will be encouraged
to register.

1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.
March 2, 1964

Miss Jean Levine
Voter Education Project
Room 261
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Levine:

Please don't consider us a group of thoughtless Kooks (a word I hear so often among the young people working with me.) However, as you have probably discussed with Mr. Branton - it was his suggestion that we continue the method we started - sending return checks.

Inclosed is our financial report - and will send the balance of returned checks when they arrive - if you want me to - I will send vouchers ahead and then forward checks later. Since I did not understand duplicating method you spoke about before project began. I assumed you would want to examine actual checks.

Vouchers etc. in storage envelopes

Please inform me if you want vouchers each week - and these will be forwarded immediately. Thanks for your kindness and we wish for you much success in your work. We have several graduates in our city from your Alma Mater why not plan to visit us sometimes. I am sure you will be an inspiration to our young people.

Respectfully yours,

Louise Wilson
F. W. Jackson

Louise Wilson
F W Jackson

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3-28 Voter Registration Project of Winston-Salem (NAACP-CORE)

Statistical Report:

10/8 - 11/5	517	Jan. 4, 11, 18	164
12/8 - 12/28	425		
2/4 - 2/22	759	Both closed about Jan. 1 for 2 wks but they continued.	
	1701		

Jan 14 to 28 Bad weather
30 R on 28

No report for January. Letter on 2-20 requesting info. No response to date.

1. Has Mr. Crawford's - Hoyle's announced candidacy affected your voter registration campaign? Yes

2. Does the method of transporting a registrar as workers move through the community (as mentioned in letter to WAB on 2-24) produce any appreciable results? Yes

3. Do you find that "apathy to the importance of the ballot" (ltr 2-24) is your greatest obstacle or is it ignorance of the value of political participation?

4. Could we obtain a cut of the mobile registration unit with prospective

applicants approaching to be used in a forthcoming issue of the VEP newsletter?

5. Are other organized community groups (members of local Council of organizations) cooperating in your drive?

check reverse.

Shirin

Moses

1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.
March 2, 1964

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Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
Room 261
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

We are looking forward to your visit. Dr. Jackson will meet you at the airport. Conference has been scheduled for 2:P.M. with Mr. Harvey and Mrs. Scott. From 3 - 4:30 P.M. - Meet workers and staff; 4;30 - 5 - Radio interview. If possible we will try for a Television interview or newspaper review.

Respectfully,

Louise Wilson
F. W. Jackson

Louise Wilson
F W Jackson

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Rev. S. W. Alexander
Lloyd United Presbyterian Church
748 N. Chestnut St. – Winston-Salem

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Mrs. De Berry – Sec.

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Books will close May 15
Are you working outside Winston-Salem yet,
but need more Contributions.

Needs $150
Mrs. Dost – 2,000 for 10 weeks

Election in May 30]

Ok for $150
Registrars appointed for 2 yrs.
8 Negroes

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Dr. F. W. Jordan
125 East 3rd
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Hq. - Lloyd Presb. Church

Memo from **JEAN LEVINE**

These questions answered to WAB's satisfaction on his trip to Winston-Salem on March 4, 1964.

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February 21, 1964

Dr. F. W. Jackson
125 N. Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Mrs. Louise Wilson
1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Wilson and Dr. Jackson:

Re VEP 3-28

Thank you for your informative letter of February 1, together with the news article. It is certainly encouraging to know that the Chamber of Commerce is now co-sponsoring a voter registration drive with the Forsyth Board of Elections. As long as they work actively in all areas of the city without racial discrimination then it should add immeasurably to your own efforts.

We received the tapes which you sent us regarding the panel discussions on voter registration and we appreciate getting this kind of research material. I note in your letter of February 1, and in statements made on the tapes that you refer to our parent organisationsas the "Southern Regional Council of Churches." We are not a council of churches at all and the correct name of the parent organization is the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Will you please inform me in writing as to whether the cards and file cabinet which were secured from the Urban League office have yet been returned to them. I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Harvey in which he seeks approval for the West Winston Civic Association to conduct a registration drive in the Kimberley Park and Carver Crest precincts beginning March 2, to run for 30 days, to be

followed by a drive in the same precincts by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority for a 30-day period beginning April 1. Although we do not plan to give any VEP money for this volunteer effort we would like to know your reaction to these planned efforts and to also suggest some coordination of these efforts with the volunteer program which NAACP-CORE plans to run during March and April.

Will you please let us hear from you promptly.

We have not received progress reporting from you and would appreciate your sending these immediately.

Our Administrative Secretary also informs me that you are behind in your financial reporting and we will need this promptly, also.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

2-24-64

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FEB 18 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Thank you for your recent letter.

The West Winston Civic Association is scheduled to begin, with your approval, a registration drive in the Kimberly Park and Carver Crest precincts on March 2, 1964. I have suggested to this group that the drive, using the cards on unregistered persons that we secured this summer, last 30 days. There is another group set to commence a dirve in these same precincts on April 1 and end on April 30. This group is the AKA Sorority. I await your approval for commencing drives in the aforementioned precincts by the AKA Sorority and the West Winston Civic Association.

Sincerely yours,

S. D. Harvey
Executive Director

SDH/hb

A Program Based Upon Interracial Teamwork and Cooperation For Community Betterment

March 5, 1964

Mrs. Louise Wilson
1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Re VEP 3-28

Never fear! I am too much aware of the problems and difficulties involved in the work you are doing to consider the people working in them as "kooks." I am just very grateful for the cooperation you are giving us in your financial reporting. Willingness such as you have shown to be helpful to us keeps me from getting "kooky."

Mr. Branton spoke to me over the long distance phone this morning and the rest of this letter is a results of that conversation as well as your last letter to me. He told me of his suggestion that you make carbon copies of each check you write on your VEP account and send these carbons to us weekly. This would be most helpful, and if you could indicate on the check and carbon for what purpose the check would be, then it wouldn't be necessary for your to send us other financial reporting than this. But the explanation on the check would be of the utmost importance so that we could enter the figures into the appropriate accounts in our books. Meantime, would you continue to send us vouchers for each expenditure made from the VEP bank account on a weekly basis and we will request an audit of cancelled checks and bank statements only at the end of your program.

As a result of the agreement which Mr. Branton made with you during his visit yesterday, we are enclosing our check in the amount of $500 which represents the first installment toward a supplemental grant of $1500 toward your program

which is being extended until May 15.

The balance will be sent you in two installments, one about April 1, and the other about May 1. Both installments will be sent, of course, contingent upon progress and reporting.

As soon as you have deposited this check inyour account would you begin the financial reporting procedure referred to above; i.e., the use of carbon copies of each check written.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

enc. 1

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[illegible] NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I have given a lot of thought to everything that was said during your visit here, and I would like to say that effective immediately, do not in any way connect the Winston-Salem Urban League or me with the registration campaign now in progress in Winston-Salem run by individuals with Voter Education Project Funds.

Be advised that neither the League nor any person connected with the staff of the League received funds from the present registration campaign, nor do we plan to receive any under the present setup.

I shall continue, voluntarily and in keeping with the policies of the local board of directors of the Urban League, to do all that I can, on a non partisan and non political basis, to help inform people of their voting rights and further to encourage registration among those persons not registered.

Sincerely yours,

Sam Harvey

S. D. Harvey
Executive Director

SDH/hb

VEP 3-28

A Program Based Upon Interracial Teamwork and Cooperation For Community Betterment

March 9, 1964

Mrs. Louise Wilson
1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Re VEp 3-28

So that your files and records will be complete I am returning to you enclosed the latest batch of cancelled checks and bank statement on your VEP bank account.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

enc.

1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
March 13, 1964

MAR 17 1964

Miss Jean Levine
Voter Education Project
Room 261
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Levine:

Is this what you mean by duplicating check? Something about it doesn't look right to me. Please inform me immediately if this is not correct. Also will send ckecks for enclosed vouchers without checks when they return them.

As I understand it now, it will not be necessary to send cancelled checks - Stop me if I'm wrong - This is a job!
Thanks.

Respectfully yours,

Louise G. Wilson

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P.S. - Can you imagine what I said when I first found I had carbon turned wrong!

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March 17, 1964

Mrs. Hazel Scott, Chairman
The West Winston Civic Council Auxiliary
230 25th Street, N.W.
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Scott:

Thank you for your letter of March 7. You apparently misunderstood me regarding the participation of your organization in the program approved for your city under sponsorship of the Voter Education Project.

In the fall of 1963, we made a grant to the local NAACP-CORE groups in support of their joint effort at voter registration in Winston-Salem. We left it entirely to NAACP-CORE as to how they would conduct their program and my purpose in inquiring as to the kind of cooperation which they had received from other groups and the kind of assistance, if any, which they had given to other groups, was solely to gain information which would help us to understand the manner in which they were operating their program.

The only other organization we gave any consideration to in making the grant to NAACP-CORE was the Urban League and this was simply because of the fact that we felt that meaningful use should be made of any data or materials in the Urban League files, inasmuch as this resulted from our previous grant to the Urban League.

We were pleased to learn that the West Winston Civic Association had been working cooperatively with the registration program and we certainly hope that you will continue to assist in any way that you can to increase the number of registered voters in your county.

It was a pleasure to meet and talk with you and if there is anything which you feel that we can do to assist in your endeavors then kindly let us know.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

cc: Mrs. Louise Wilson

THE WEST WINSTON CIVIC COUNCIL AUXILIARY
230 25TH STREET N.W.
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

MAR 9 1964

March 7, 1964

Dear Mr. Brantley;

I was confused about and during the meeting in Mrs. Wilson's home - and our organization would like to clear this up if possible.

Upon listening to the conversations that day I was led to believe our organization was included in the orginal plans for the vote-registration project.

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THE WEST WINSTON CIVIC COUNCIL AUXILIARY
230 25TH STREET N.W.
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

This was the first time we had known of such a project — and we definitely have received nothing in finances from the project.

The ladies in our group have for about four years worked as volunteers in registering persons and also poll workers — this is a pattern we have established and are trying to make it work for the whole city.

Our interest in voter-registration will continue — and after

THE WEST WINSTON CIVIC COUNCIL AUXILIARY
230 25TH STREET N.W.
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that getting those persons to the polls on election day, who have become first class citizens.

Very truly yours,

Hazel Scott, chairman

CONFIDENTIAL MEMO
RE VOTER EDUCATION PROGRAM IN
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

March 19, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton

By way of review of VEP support for registration in Winston-Salem our files reflect the following.

On May 4, 1962, we made a grant to the National Urban League in support of a registration program in Winston-Salem through their local Urban League. Some of the funds were used to pay for materials and printing and for staff salaries at the national office and other administrative overhead, but the sum of $1000 was given to the Winston-Salem Urban League for local expenditures. It had been our hope that this first effort would have resulted in some meaningful registration, but when the project was concluded on August 31, 1962, the report showed that most of the effort had gone into an interview program in the rural communities of Forsyth County, and the actual number of new registrants amounted to only 147. This was a very informative study and will be of value to the research files. Our only complaint was that this effort was more in the area of research rather than in actual voter registration as had been contemplated when we made the grant to the national office. This was one of the first grants and came during the "crash program" and there were several errors made on the part of the VEP staff and the participating agencies.

On February 14, 1963, we received a request for a grant in the amount of $5000 to "intervene for Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the matter of voter education programs." The proposal called for the deputizing of student registrars and the use of part time registrars, and the project was to run from May 1 to July 31, 1963. On April 11, 1963, we informed Mr. A.D. Harvey, Executive Director of the Winston-Salem Urban League that the grant would be made but there was a delay in the start of the program as a result of factors both with Urban League and VEP, but on May 23, the grant was made for the full $5000 requested.

On July 31, 1963, we received a report from Mr. A.D. Harvey reporting on the latest Urban League project and while it appears that there was an intensive survey to determine the voting habits of the Negro population, we were shocked to

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learn that only 300 people had been added to the number of registered voters. Five thousand dollars seemed an awfully high amount to pay to get 300 voters in a city like Winston-Salem,but here again it appeared that there was valuable information contained in the survey because the League "would have on file an up-to-date list of unregistered voters." There was nothing in the final report, or in any correspondence which would reflect any intention on the part of Winston-Salem Urban League to follow up with any registration activity.

In August and early September of 1963, Randolph Blackwell, VAP Field Director made trips into Winston-Salem and learned of the interest of the local NAACP-CORE in voter registration and on September 16, 1963, we received a request from this group seeking $2,007 to conduct a voter registration drive. We were reluctant to approve any further grants for work in Winston-Salem because of the low results, but our Field Director was so convinced that something could be done that we agreed to make a grant. Because of the fact that so much VAP money had gone into the survey which the Urban League had made and the fact that this information should be useful to anyone conducting a registration drive we asked Mr. S. D. Harvey to make the records available to NAACP-CORE so that meaningful use could be made of the names of unregistered voters. Thanks replied on October 7, 1963, he informed us for the first time that Urban League planned a follow-up registration program which was to run from November through May under the direction of Mrs. Hazel Scott but that "there will not be any additional expense for this project since it is considered a part of, or a continuation of, the first project." We felt, at this point, that there was nothing to indicate to us that Urban League would conduct an active registration program , especially without the necessity of money, and we, therefore, went ahead and made a grant to NAACP-CORE in the amount of $2,000 on November 12, 1963, and requested Mr. Harvey to make the records available.

Mr. Harvey wrote us on November 7 that he had turned over "a major portion of the addresses and names of persons not registered," and that "the other names and addresses are being copied" and would be turned over later. VAP had requested the Urban League to delay any volunteer registration program on their part until January2, 1964, and they agreed to this. On December 18, 1963, Wiley Bunton visited Winston-Salem and discussed the registration program fully with Mr. Harvey and others and Mr. Harvey

agreed to turn over the rest of the cards to NAACP-CORE, but with the understanding that all cards for unregistered voters in the Carver Crest and Kimberly Park precincts would be turned in by January 1, so that they could be delivered to the West Winston Civic Council to conduct a volunteer program in these precincts.

Mr. Harvey wrote VEP on January 14, 1964, informing us that additional cards and information had been made available to NAACP-CORE but that "it was too late to recall 600 cards...in the Carver Crest and Kimberly Park precincts given to the West Winston Civic Council...." VEP replied to Mr. Harvey on January 18, 1964, stating that it was his understanding that Urban League still had the cards for these two precincts on December 19 and that they would be turned over to NAACP-CORE for use until January 1, and then stated "I apparently misunderstood you, but in any event I would assume that the West Winston Civic Council is doing the same work with the cards as would be done by NAACP-CORE, and it is actual registration that all of us are committed to."

Mr. Harvey replied on January 30 that the West Winston Civic Council "will register non-registered persons and report to me on their progress, and in turn I will give you periodic reports." (NOTE: As of 3/16/64 VEP has received no such report.)

On February 17, Mr. Harvey wrote VEP stating that the West Winston Civic Association "is scheduled to begin, with your approval, a registration drive in the Kimberly Park and Carver Crest precincts on March 2, 1964." He stated that the program would run for 30 days and would be followed by a program in the same precincts by the AKA sorority and wanted VEP approval for commencing the drive.

We then checked with people active in the West Winston Civic Association and learned that they had been working in voter registration all along in close cooperation with NAACP-CORE and it was decided that VEP would make another visit to Winston-Salem and this trip was made on March 4. As of March 4, 1964, NAACP-CORE had spent just about all of the $2000 which had been granted to them but they had added approximately 2000 new registrants to the rolls. It was definitely established on the March 4 visit that the West Winston Civic Association, and many other organizations, were working cooperatively with the NAACP-CORE registration project and the matter was also discussed with Mr. S. B. Harvey who agreed that the arrangement was satisfactory and that the program should continue for a longer period in the same manner that it had been going on.

On March 6, Mr. Harvey wrote WMB stating "that effective immediately, do not in any way connect the Winston-Salem Urban League or us with the registration campaign now in progress in Winston-Salem."

Wiley Hampton, in an a lost to understand the attitude concerning the remarks made at the Kansas Chamber. The VMP Director decided, while in Winston-Salem on March 4, to make a supplemental grant to the Voter-gram program in Winston-Salem in the amount of $1500 to continue their program until May 15.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

WMB:jl

March 27, 1964

Mrs. Louise G. Wilson
1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Re VEP 3-28

In response to your letter of March 23, we are enclosing our check in the amount of $500 representing the second installment toward the $1500 grant made to your project in my letter of March 5.

The third and final installment is due you on or about April 1, 1964.

Yes, the duplicating method you are using is what Mr. Branton had in mind when you spoke with him in Winston-Salem.

Incidentally, in response to your P.S. on March 23, Mr. Branton's reaction to your activities is more one of admiration than amusement. Your persistence and determination is very heartening to him.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

enc. 1

MAR 24 1964

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March 23, 1964

Miss Jean Levine
Voter Education Project
Room 261
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Levine:

Inclosed is our financial report. Also we would like to request that you send us $1.00 of our April allotment immediately.

WAB ? OK check second grant letter & under BU

As you will note from our next progress report, we visited the largest of the rural Home Demostration Clubs and appealed to them to sponsor a day of Voter Registration. The response was far beyond my expectation. And what is even more encouraging is the fact that four of the clubs plan an Easter Sunday and Easter Monday project. Of course it makes sense to me after walking approximately 10 miles in one day over hills and farms contacting various people.

It seem Sunday after church and Easter Monday after neighborhood Easter Egg Hunts - most neighbors gathers at one central place. We plan to take two registars with us so we can cover at least four communities in the two days. I offered a cash donation to the most successful club. Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

L. G. Wilson

Louise G. Wilson
F. W. Jackson

F. W. Jackson

LGW/FWJ/id

P.S. - Tell Mr. Branton he would have enjoyed seeing me struggle from one community to another. Bad roads - hot weather - but I feel very good at the wonderful response. (You see, he knows how big I am - and will probably be amused.)

1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
April 6, 1964

APR 8 1964

Miss Jean Levine
Voter Education Project
Room 261
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Levine:

Inclosed is financial report. We are very excited here because our project seems to be gaining more and more momentum. And to add to our excitement Dr. Martin Luther King will be here April 13th in behalf of our Voter Registration Drive. Please send me more vouchers and thanks so very much for your encouraging letters.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Jackson
Louise G. Wilson

Louise Wilson
F. W. Jackson/L.G.W.

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THE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

of

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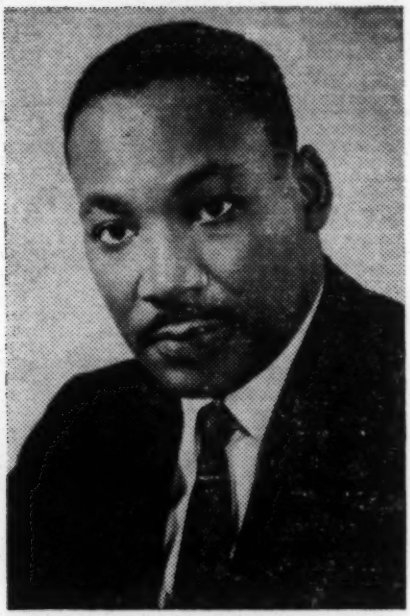

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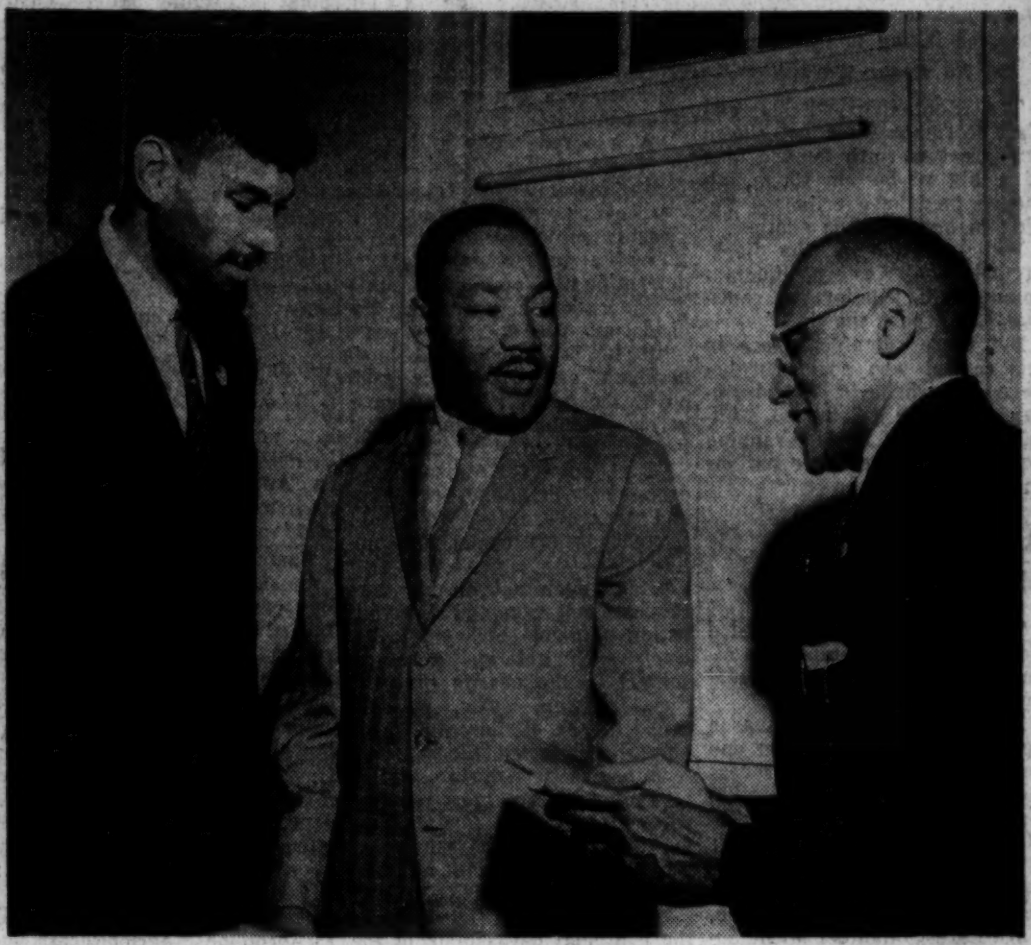

Staff Photo

Martin Luther King (center) with Kenneth Williams III (left) and Clarence Montgomery.

Strong Rights Law Needed, King Says

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was scheduled to begin because of weather trouble. He received a standing ovation when he entered the church, when he arose to speak, when he sat down after his message and when he left immediately afterward to get a plane at Greensboro.

The throng poured in hundreds of dollars into a giant collection basket to help promote the voter-registration program which has a goal of 5,000 new registrants.

Significant Step

"One of the most significant steps a Negro can take is the short walk behind the curtain of a voter's booth," King said.

"With the ballot we'll be able to transform the evil deeds of the mob into the constructive actions of good citizens . . . When we get the vote we shall see the new day in the state and the nation, the day we can send qualified Negroes to the legislative halls of state and federal governments."

King called 1963 a year in which it was pointed out to the nation and world that the "Negro in the United States is no longer willing to accept racial segregation."

"Segregation is a new form of slavery covered up with the niceties of complexion," King said. "Segregation is a cancer in the body politic, a system of adultery with an illicit relationship between injustice and immorality.

"We are through with segregation now, henceforth and forever more. To consolidate our gains of 1963, we must keep moving."

Three Myths

Negroes must destroy three myths if they are to move forward in 1964. He said these myths are:

—Everything was moving fine and in peace in race relations before the 1954 Supreme Court school decision and the Negro demonstrations. "This just isn't true. We have never had peace in race relations in the South. Negroes have suffered and have been forced to adjust to racial injustice in the past. Demonstrations have done more than anything else to dramatize the injustices the Negroes have suffered. Negroes have made more gains."

—Only time can solve the problem of racial discrimination; just be nice and pray, and justice will come in another hundred years. "God never intended prayer to be a substitute for work.

Danger of Freeze

"We are told to wait. We are told to cool off. Our answer is this—we've cooled off too long. There is danger we'll all end up in deep freeze.

"We're offered gradualism, another word for do nothing-ism and escapism and stand still-ism.

"The time is always ripe to do right."

—Legislation cannot solve the problem of race relations; this problem can only be solved by changing the hearts of men through education and religion.

"This is a half truth. I'd be the first to say you cannot legislate integration, but you can legislate desegregation. Morality cannot be legislated, but bad conduct can be regulated.

"We need a strong civil rights law now. Legislation can't make a man love me, but it can keep him from lynching me. Legislation cannot change the hearts of men, but it can change the habits of men."

King emphasized the passage of current civil rights legislation before the Senate. "I would rather see no civil rights bill at all," he said, "than one with no public accommodations, no job opportunities, no educational section . . . The greatest tribute to the late President Kennedy would be the passage of the civil rights bill without watering it down.

"Now is the time to transform this nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood."

Verbal Bombs

King also tossed verbal bombs at those who advocated violence by Negroes. He said:

"We must press on for first class citizenship; but we must never use second class methods to gain this citizenship. Some cry out bitter words of hatred and vengeful violence. I can think of nothing more tragic in America than for the Negro to turn to violence. This is immoral . . .

"This must not be a hate campaign. If we go out hating the white man we are defeated at the start. There is no gain in substituting black supremacy for white supremacy. God is interested in all men living as brothers."

Love Over Hate

King called love more powerful than hate, the "supreme principle of life." "We must hate with love, physical force with soul force," he said. "An eye for an eye philosophy leaves everybody blind."

Freedom songs can provide inspiration in desperation, King said. He said, "We shall overcome because no lie can live forever. Truth will rise again. The Bible is right.

"All of God's men will join hands one day and sing, free at last, free at last, thank God almighty, we are free at last,"

This was the largest crowd to ever attempt to cram itself into the Goler church. It included about 100 white persons, ranging from ministers and college professors to college and high school students.

Some people arrived as early as 4 p.m. to get choice seats. By 7 p.m. the church auditorium was full. All the programs were given out. After that ushers tried to find some open corner or available room in the church to put the people.

Songs and Hymns

Two choirs sang rousing hymns and spirituals during the program. Before King's arrival CORE and NAACP youth beat out freedom songs with the spirited audience.

A large corps of police officers guarded the church. They kept the automobile and foot traffic moving. Many people turned back home.

Television cameras and lights from three stations were aimed at King. He had no time for interviews either before or after his talk. His address was constantly interrupted by joyous applause and humming amens.

Dr. R. M. Pitts, state president of the General Baptist Convention and pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, conducted the money-raising effort. Collection plates did not miss a nook or corner of the church, whether people had to listen by loudspeaker or could see in person.

In his money raising effort, Pitts said:

"Singing won't get freedom. The time has come when we must pay for what we want before we get it."

The collection was taken before King spoke.

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Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Thanks for your kind letter to Dr. King. We are sending reports to Mrs. Whitaker about the Rally - Also on April 26th we have contacted Supterintendent of Schools and have permission to have registration booths at all schools that are sponsoring K. O. Polio Clincs. Please send us posters if possible to surround our booths.

As you have said, yes C.O.R.E. and N.A.A.C.P. can work together! Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Louise G. Wilson

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P.S. Have received posters from Committee on Political Education from AFL-CIO

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Miss Jean Levine
Voter Education Project
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Dear Miss Levine:

Inclosed is financial report. You will note that some checks have Rally marked on them. These expenses have been covered by our Voter - Registration Rally. We felt since we planned the program, not as a money making project but to boost our project then it should be self supporting.

I cannot tell you how many hours of work it took to make the program a success, but how happy I am that it was even more successful than I ever dreamed of. If you would be interested in a financial report of the rally I will be glad to send it to you or you can note the same when checks and statements are sent to you.

Sincerely yours,

Louise G. Wilson

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VEP
3-28

May 5, 1964

Mrs. Louise G. Wilson
1924 East Third Street
Winston Salem, North Carolina

RE: VEP 3-28

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Enclosed herein is our check in the amount of $500 representing the third and final installment on the $1,500 grant made to the Voter Registration Project of Winston-Salem on March 5, 1964.

We are all very proud of the work which you and your co-workers are doing toward voter registration in Winston-Salem. Although this marks the end of your current program, we would appreciate a full report regarding your future registration activities, and while we cannot commit ourselves at this time to any future financial support, we will be pleased to consider any program which you care to submit.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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May 27, 1964

Mrs. Louise G. Wilson
1924 E. Third St.
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

We have received no financial reporting from your project since May 9, and I am puzzled. This must be due to some sort of misunderstanding since you were reporting so promptly and regularly.

Is there any way in which I can be of assistance?

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
May 25, 1964

MAY 28 1964

Miss Jean Levine
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Levine:

Enclosed is our final financial report. Do you want me to send returned checks? If so please inform me of same. Thanks so very much for your interest and kindness.

Sincerely yours,

Louise Wilson

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June 4, 1964

Mrs. Louise Wilson
1924 E. Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina RE: VEP 3-28

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Thank you for your letter of May 25. We wish to congratulate all of you for the very fine job which you have done in the area of voter registration in Winston-Salem, and while our program is non-partisan, I am sure that we share your thrill of the nomination of a Negro candidate to the state Legislature. We would appreciate it if you would send us any articles or other information pertaining to the participation of Negroes generally in your recent primary election.

We will be pleased to support another project in Winston-Salem of NAACP-CORE in September and October, and suggest that you work out a budget for your organization and submit it to us well in advance of the time when your program is scheduled to begin.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. F. W. Jackson

WB

1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
May 25, 1964

MAY 28 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Words can not express our appreciation for your interest and help in securing funds for the Voter-Registration Project, here in Winston-Salem. We have trust to prove that Civil Rights groups can work together. We have proven that young people when given a challange can rise to cause and be counted. Both C.O.R.E. and N.A.A.C.P. here in Winston have gained by this experience. As I stated to Mrs. Whitaker we had waited to write in order that we could report our plans for election day. Although our hopes did not materialize - We still plan to make this a record day for voting. We shall let you know our results.

We feel that another Voter Registration project in September and October - nearer General Election Day will prove most successful. The best method has been proven to be door to door contact. I only hope we can at least interest one fourth of those not registered to do so and make first class citizenship for the Negro a reality by voice and vote. Again thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Louise Wilson

Louise Wilson
F. W. Jackson

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VEP 3-28

September 30, 1964

Dr. F. W. Jackson
125 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Jackson:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of this date in which you informed me that the local chapters of NAACP-CORE desire to sponsor a crash registration program in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and that you will be submitting a budget immediately to VEP.

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I am sending Mrs. Wilson the instructions regarding the new financial procedure, and also a signature card. She should have those persons who will be authorized to submit Request for Payment forms to VEP to sign the card and return the same to us at once. We will pay any approved bill which has been signed by any one authorized person from among those signing the card. We are also sending Mrs. Wilson, under separate cover, a supply of Request for Payment and voucher forms in order to expedite your grant.

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WAB:js
cc: Mrs. Louise Wilson

October 14, 1964

Mrs. Louise G. Wilson
3700 Prospect Drive
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

RE: VEP 3-28

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Thank you for your letter which arrived in our office on October 12.

I interpret your letter to mean that you will not be seeking a grant from VEP to support another registration drive prior to the October 24 deadline because your local board of elections will be conducting a registration drive in all precincts.

I want you and your co-workers to know that Winston-Salem has one of the best records in terms of progress and cooperation than any of the many projects which we have financed.

You indicated that you were sending a few clippings regarding the current registration program, but there were no clips enclosed.

Kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

3700 Prospect Drive
Winston Salem, N.C.

Mr. Wiley Branton
U. E. B.
Atlanta, Ga.

OCT 12 1964

Dear Mr. Branton:

Please excuse delay in answering your letter but since your conversation with Dr. Jackson, we have been informed of a voter registration drive being sponsored by the Board of Elections. This means all the registrars are supposed to set up dates for all

P.S. Please excuse hurried letter. We are writing at C.O.R.E.'s HARD Industry!

JEP 3-28

precincts - I am enclosing a few clippings of the same. Therefore I feel that such a conflict would only break the unity of the Negro ranks. This we can not afford at this time.

I must confess the temptation is great to use the fund to help get "William Crawford" elected but I would and could not do this - I thank you so very much

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For your Canvasser Dr Jackson
Father Smith, Mrs Mamie
Gaines, Kenneth William III,
Charles McKealy - all the
C.O.R.E & N.A.A.C.P. young people
join me in saying thanks.
However, we shall put
all our efforts in this
one sided campaign.
"Wish for us & Crawford
success" - We will need
it!
I shall return material
immediately.

Respectfully yours
Louise Wilson

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VEP 3-28

September 30, 1964

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125 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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Wiley A. Branton

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cc: Mrs. Louise Wilson

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VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

September 30, 1064

Voter's Registration Project
5 Forsythe Street, N. W.
Room 306
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brandon:

In regards to our conversation today, we will set up a Voter's Registration Project, October 5, 1964, which will run for two (2) weeks. We are going to run an Accelerated Project.

Our Project will be run the same as the last one, except it will be an Accelerated Program.

A complete breakdown on expenditures will be carried out as we did before. We feel that a budget of 500.00 a week, total 1,000.00 for two (2) weeks will carry on this accelerated program.

We would like to hear from you immediately.

Yours very truly,

L G Wilson

F W Jackson

Dr. F. W. Jackson
Mrs. Louise Wilson

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M E M O R A N D U M January 6, 1965

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 3-28
(Voter Registration Project of Winston-Salem, N.C.)

Grant:		$3500.00
Disbursements:		
Adv. Print. & Prom.	$522.86	
Fix. & Equip.	35.00	
Meals	184.87	
Office Rent	88.56	
Office Supplies	233.67	
Postage	80.00	
Salaries	1720.00	
Tel. & Tel.	152.60	
Trav. & Trans.	444.95	
Utilities	133.23	
Bank Charges	4.13	3589.87
Overaccounted		($ 89.87)

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RESEARCH FILE COPY

November 13, 1963

Dr. F. W. Jackson
Voter Registration Project of
Winston-Salem
125 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

RE: VEP 3-28

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Mr. Branton informs me that in a recent telephone conversation you indicated to him your intention to report to VEP weekly on the progress of your registration drive, as well as on its fiscal aspects. The purpose of this letter is to give you some information which may prove useful in making up your weekly reports.

As I am sure you know, VEP is a research project whose purpose it is to accumulate as much reliable information as possible about problems encountered in Negro registration in the South, and the successful methods of overcoming these problems. We find it useful to categorize the problems as those external to the Negro community, and those internal to it. This, of course, is by no means to say that there is no connection between the two categories; it is simply a way of making a preliminary distinction between problems which arise directly from white attitudes, and those which arise directly from Negro attitudes. Thus, in your first report, we would like to have a brief description of any techniques of white resistence to Negro registration in Winston-Salem of which you are aware. In the same report, we would like to have a brief summary of the problems you see arising from any existing conflicts among Negro leadership, and attitudes of indifference, fear, et cetera, among Negroes in general. After a description of these problems, we would then like a brief summary of the measures you propose to take in resolving the problems.

We are particularly interested in this project because it appears to involve an unusual degree of cooperation between local chapters of NAACP and CORE. We would like a brief description of the leadership roles which personnel from each of these organizations are taking.

If you have any questions or problems with regard to this reporting, please let us know about them at your earliest convenience. We are sending you under separate cover, a supply of forms which can be used for quantitative reporting, if you find it convenient to do so. In any case, we hope you will be able to report to us weekly on each of the items asked for on the form.

My very best wishes for a successful project.

Very truly yours,

Jack Minnis
Director of Research

JM:js

VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

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(CORE)

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Fries Auditorium

WINSTON-SALEM STATE COLLEGE
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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Sunday Evening, December 8, 1963

8:00 O'CLOCK

"America"

- SECOND VERSE -

Our Fathers' God to Thee,

Author of liberty,

To Thee we sing;

Long may our land be bright

With freedom's holy light,

Protect us by Thy might,

Great God, our King.

PROGRAM

INVOCATION.....FATHER THOMAS SMITH, JR.

WELCOME.....KENNETH WILLIAMS III
Co-Chairman of CORE

"AMERICA" (Standing)—Second Verse

INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM GUESTS.....MRS. LOUISE WILSON
Co-Director of
Voter Registration
Project (CORE)

SOLO

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....DR. F. W. JACKSON
Co-Director of
Voter Registration
Project (NAACP)

SPEAKER.....REV. B. ELTON COX
CORE Field Director

RESPONSE.....MARTY ROBINSON
President of Winston-
Salem State College
Chapter of NAACP

"WE SHALL OVERCOME" (Standing)

BENEDICTION

"We Shall Overcome"

We shall overcome,

We shall overcome,

We shall overcome some day.

Deep in my heart, I do believe,

We shall overcome some day.

VOTER------REGISTRATION RALLY

DECEMBER 8, 1963 7:00 P. M.

FRIES AUDITORIUM

SPEAKER----------REVEREND B. ELTON COX

WHO WILL BE OUR NEXT PRESIDENT?

WHO WILL BE OUR NEXT GOVERNOR?

WHO WILL BE OUR NEXT MAYOR?

**********YOUR VOTE WILL DECIDE**********

AGENDA

MAYOR'S GOODWILL COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 12, 1963 — 4:00 P. M. — Council Chamber, City Hall

1. Call to order
2. Prayer
3. Report of Sub-Committee on Employment -- Mr. Wm. S. Yeager, Chairman
4. Report of Sub-Committee on Food & Lodgings -- Mr. Peter T. Meletis, Chairman
5. Announcement regarding Voter Registration Campaign -- Mrs. Louise Wilson

CORE Official Urges Negroes to Register

By Luix Overbea
Staff Reporter

A man who is not a registered voter has forfeited his right to complain about local, state or federal officials, the Rev. B. Elton Cox told 300 people last night.

He addressed a public kickoff of a voter-registration rally at Fries Auditorium. The project is sponsored jointly by the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Congress of Racial Equality.

Cox, a High Point minister and field secretary of CORE in North Carolina, spoke on "It's the Law of the Land." He headed a list of spokesmen for a project which seeks to register at least 5,000 Negroes in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

"Speaks for All"

"The constitution," Cox said, "speaks to all and for all, to black and white, rich and poor, atheist and agnostic, Republican and Democrat, North and South. It is based on the earthly rights of all of God's children."

Cox also commented:

—On the American motto, "In God we trust," — "I ask what God in 1963? The God of mercy, goodness, hope, spirit or money, sex, hate, bigotry, night integration. White supremacy or black supremacy?"

—On freedom, equality and justice—"Any police officer defending racial segregation is as insincere as an undertaker trying to look mournful as he conducts a $10,000 funeral."

—On the pledge of allegiance —The Negro has astonished America by pledging and maintaining his allegiance to Old Glory because he loves America. He has fought in all its wars, including the war between segregation and integration. Is the Negro a citizen? If he is, he must have freedom and have it now."

—On the Bill of Rights—"Tell me, where in America am I free?"

—On voting—"Negroes have too often followed the white advice, 'George, go on back home; let us take care of this.' "

"Too Apathetic"

America as a nation is too apathetic about its right to vote, Cox said. Negroes are even more apathetic, he said.

"If you could go with me to the Deep South and see what Negroes go through just to try to vote, you'd be first in line to register here in Winston-Salem," Cox said.

"You can register here if you have only three minutes to spare. It takes only two minutes to vote.

"There is no need of your complaining about your government officials in the beauty shop and barber shop. If you don't like your public officials, tell them. Tell them at the ballot box. Your vote does count. Your voice can be heard."

He called on the college students present to declare the next month voter - registration month. "Go home and register," he said. "Get your people and friends to do likewise. Make this a chain reaction."

Participation Urged

Every local Negro church, club, social group, fraternity, sorority and lodge should participate in the voter-registration project, Cox said. "If these groups would merely work on their own members, they could accomplish miracles in 60 days.

Cox urged church people to work. He said, "I know you say politics it dirty. Why don't all you saints and Christians get into politics and clean it up?"

Mrs. Louise Wilson, representing CORE, and Dr. F. W. Jackson, representing the NAACP, are cochairmen of the local registration drive. This effort will seek the aid of all local organizations in the Negro community to get more people registered.

Young people of both organizations will conduct telephone and door-to-door campaigns to help the project.

RESEARCH FILE COPY

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

December 5, 1963

Dr. F. W. Jackson
125 E. Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

RE: VEP 3-28

Dear Dr. Jackson:

A person professing interest in the Negro community in Winston-Salem has brought to our attention a clipping from the Winston-Salem Journal of December 2, in which your voter registration drive is described. The clipping states that according to Kenneth R. Williams, III, a canvass of the Boston section of Winston-Salem has been completed by your project, and that "....nearly every eligible voter not registered said he would register." The article also indicates that Williams said that your project would take the necessary steps to register those who had promised as soon as the entire survey is complete.

We are well aware that newspaper stories do not necessarily reflect what is really going on in the community. On the other hand, as I think Mr. Blackwell discussed with you on his last visit with you, we had felt that the Winston-Salem community had been rather well surveyed during the course of an Urban League "interiorization" project which we supported there earlier this year. It is my understanding that Mr. Harvey of the Winston-Salem Urban League had agreed with Mr. Branton that the results of the Urban League survey project would be made available to your project, thus, we supposed, making a resurvey unnecessary.

If you have not been able to obtain the results of the Urban League survey, or if for whatever reason you have not found them sufficient for your purposes, we would like to know about it.

We hope you will not construe this letter as an unwarranted interference in the conduct of your project. We in no way intend to tell you how to conduct it. On the other hand, we are reluctant to see more money invested in survey work in Winston-Salem unless it is absolutely unavoidable.

As I mentioned in my letter of November 13, we had understood that you would be reporting to us weekly on your progress. As yet, we have not received a report, and apparently the project has been underway for more than two weeks. We would appreciate hearing from you in the near future as to your progress thus far, and then regularly in accordance with my letter of November 13.

Let me conclude by emphasizing the fact that we by no means assume your conduct of the project thus far in any way unsatisfactory. The purpose of this letter is to clear up the questions raised by the person who sent us the Journal clipping as to the utility and the necessity of further survey work in Winston-Salem.

My very best wishes for a successful project.

Very truly yours,

Jack Minnis
Director of Research

JM:js

VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

OF

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

DEC 11 1963

OUTLINE OF VOTER REGISTRATION

Project to date:

September 24, 1963 - Meeting of C.O.R.E. to discuss a plan to work on National Project of Voter Registration. A plan was suggested to ask the local college N.A.A.C.P. Chapter (Winston-Salem State College) group to help with the project. A. B. Reynolds, Jr. and Kenneth Williams III were appointed to make personal contact with advisor and leader of the college N.A.A.C.P. Chapter and invite them to meet with group on September 28, 1963 (Saint Stephens Church)

September 28, 1963 - (Saint Stephens Church) C.O.R.E. and N.A.A.C.P. group of College Chapter held meeting together. Dr. Jackson explained proposed project as outlined to Mr. R.T. Blackwell of the Southern Regional Council. Dr. Jackson appealed to both groups to work together. He had hopes that the project would be approved by Council. However until such project was approved it was suggested by group that we hold workshop on voter registration techniques and in recruiting workers.

258
183
76
517

October 1, 1963 - Workshop and discussion period held for volunteers and special committees formed for voter project.

October 5, 1963 - Group discussed survey in areas that were considered important because of large housing projects or constant change in residence because of Urban Renewal. It was decided that spot surveys be made in these areas for next few weeks. A registar was to be secured and from car he would register all those willing to take a few minutes to walk to car.

October 8-12-15-19, 1963 - Groups met at Saint Stephens Church to do spot surveys and registar was on spot for registration and a total of 258 was registered for first time or changed address of registration to proper precinct.

October 21-26-29, 1963 - A portion of survey from Urban League was secured by Chairman (A. B. Reynolds, Jr.). Group immediately set up plans on above date to work on Dunleith Fire Station Precinct. A Registar was secured and a large group of the College N.A.A.C.P. Chapter(36) and C.O.R.E. (42) had a most interesting and encouraging response from the people in the area. It encouraged them to seek more volunteers. 183 were registered or changed registration.

November 2-5, 1963 - C.O.R.E. group learned that Co-Chairman A. B. Reynolds, Jr. had been drafted and Father Smith resigned because of heavy church duties. However, Father Smith remains an advisor. It was necessary to take above dates to reorganize. New Co-Chairmen were elected - Kenneth Williams III and Charles McNeely were elected Co-Chairmen. Marty Robinson of College N.A.A.C.P. agreed to continue as liason member for his group. Group continued work on registration from Urban League report. 76 were registered.

November 9, 1963 - Dr. Jackson informed us that project had been approved by Southern Regional Council. A happy group of young people and a few adults were elated and felt we could carry our project full speed ahead! An adult committee from C.O.R.E. and N.A.A.C.P. met and discussed proposed plans.

November 19, 1963 - The following committee met and discussed problems and other methods of approach of project:

N.A.A.C.P. GROUP

Reverend Jerry Drayton
Reverend Kelly O. P. Goodwin
Mr. Harold Nash
Dr. F. W. Jackson

C.O.R.E. GROUP

Father Thomas Smith, Jr.
Kenneth Williams III
Louise G. Wilson

Reverend B. Elton Cox accepted our invitation to formally open our Project on December 8, 1963 at Fries Auditorium - Winston-Salem State College.

November 23-30, 1963 - Youth group worked on publicity, newsletter, posters and handbill for Voter Registration Project Rally. Material was passed out at Thanksgiving Parade and Basketball game. Group moved to Llyod Presbyterian Church for headquarters because of Saint Stephens Church Program.

December 3, 1963 - Adult group met and taped radio program announcing the purpose of the project - the acceptance of the project by Southern Regional Council. An appeal was made to public as to the importance of the ballot. An announcement of the Voter Registration Project Rally. The broadcast was December 5, 1963. Public reaction by phone and personal contact was encouraging.

December 8, 1963 - Voter Registration Rally was very successful. Support was pledged by members of both races.

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VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

OF

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

December 11, 1963

DEC 11 1963

Mr. Jack Minnis
Director of Research
Voter Education Project
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Minnis:

Concerning your letter of November 13th about information on problems encountered in Negro Registration. We shall outline these as related only to our area. We have no conflicts as far as City Policies are concerned, as you have noted from former reports.

As far as Negro leadership is concerned there is still this big question, Who are the Negro leaders?

Having worked with the N.A.A.C.P., for several years and also as an advisor to C.O.R.E. it has been interesting to note the indifferences to these groups by a vast majority. This can be accounted for in most instances as plain fear of reprisal of jobs or job opportunities. In others it can be attributed to a vast apathy of any issue that is controversial.

We feel these problems can only be solved by education, such as our present Voter Education Project. Also we feel that more discussion groups among Negroes organizations and common aims and goals will surely lead to the solving of some of these problems.

Sincerely yours,

L. G. Wilson
F. W. Jackson

LGW/FWJ/id

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VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT
OF
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

December 11, 1963

Mr. Jack Minnis
Director of Research
Voter Education Project
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Minnis:

Inclosed you will find an outline of Voter Registration Project to date. As you will note this project has been a focal point of interest for the local C.O.R.E. and N.A.A.C.P. Youth groups for several weeks. In this period of time, I must commend them on the interest and spirit.

However, it was indeed with grateful hearts and a greater determination that we received the announcement of the acceptance of the Project by the Southern Regional Council. Before we received official notice of the acceptance, our hours of work were fewer because we had very little funds to cover even minor expenses.

Since Dr. Jackson and I discussed this project, we find the need so great and the interest of the young people so encouraging that we plan to carry this project to the last Saturday in March. We shall amatorize our funds over this period of time.

In regards to correspondance of December 5, 1963, we are sure you will note by outline that this survey was made before we received official notice of grant and before any material was turned over to us by the Urban League. It would be appropriate to state here that as of this date we have not received all of the data of the Survey of the Urban League. We are duplicating these reports and returning them to the Urban League as per request of Mr. Harvey.

Let it also be noted that our Project officially opened on December 8, 1963, but up to that date we have registered 675.

In the future our reports will be weekly. We shall always appreciate your suggestions and do hope that in the near future a member of the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council will visit with us.

Sincerely yours,

L. G. Wilson

L. G. Wilson
F. W. Jackson

LGW/FWJ/id

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VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT
OF
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

December 9, 1963 - Youth group covered new development Lakeside Apartments. This project has just been integrated - most of the Negroes in this housing development have been displaced by urban redevelopment - therefore must change registration to new precinct. Registar to be in this development December 16, 1963.

December 10, 1963 - Dr. Jackson made television appearance to publicize project.

Louise Wilson met with Tuesday Morning Brunch Club to explain project and solicit support. Club to hold registration project on December 21, 1963 - to cover 30th Street and Peidmont Circle.

Youth group met at church and planned for Saturday project.

December 14, 1963 - March to Post Office to mail petitions at 9:30 from Winston-Salem State College - March from Post Office to church to go on registration project. Louise Wilson took group to Y.W.C.A. to attend Human Rights Symposium. During discussion advertised our Voter Registration Project.

December 11, 1963 - Louise Wilson met with three clubs from housing project to set up registration date and encourage groups to get out and vote after registering.

December 12-13, 1963 - Dr. Jackson and one group of young people covered three county areas - Brushy Fork - Piney Grove - Pfafftown. Louise Wilson, Father Smith, Mrs. Smith - took another group to Carver Road section in newly annexed area. Registers to be carried to all above areas.

December 14, 1963 - Three areas set up for registration - Youth group divided into three sections, L. Wilson,- Father Smith -

Dr. Jackson - in charge of groups. Registars in all three places. Posters and signs placed in local business establishments.

December 15, 1963 - L. Wilson attended Girl Scout Program - made appeal to Scout Leaders and girls to help Voter Registration Project. Newsletter carried to all churches.

Group participated in the program.

THE WINSTON-SALEM - FORSYTH COUNTY

EMANCIPATION ASSOCIATION

Presents

THE

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of

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at

THE FORSYTH COUNTY COURTHOUSE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1964 at 11:00 A.M.

THE OFFICERS

President, The Rev. R.M. Pitts
Vice President, The Rev. K.O.P. Goodwin
Secretary, H. E. Staplefoote
Treasurer, W. W. Hudson

THE PROGRAM

Presentation of Colors
Morris Slaughter Post #128

The Processional. . . . . Guests & Officials of the Association

Lift Every Voice and Song, (1 Verse). .Audience
Mrs. Curtis Joshua, Accompanist

The Invocation

The Presentation of the Program..K.O.P. Goodwin
Minister, Mt. Zion Baptist Church

The Music. . . . Choir #1, Union Baptist Church
Mrs. Curtis Joshua, Organist - Directress

The Reading of The Proclamation of Emancipation
Brenda Chambers, Student-Atkins Sr. High Sch.

Music. . . . . .The Choir

The Summary Statement and Appeal,-The President
R. Mack Pitts, Minister, Shiloh Baptist Church
Pres., General Baptist Convention of N.C., Inc.

The Memorial Moment. .President John F. Kennedy
Mr. Medgar Evers

The Address. . . . . .Dr. Edward J. Odom, Jr.
National Church Secretary, N.A.A.C.P.

Music. . . . . .The Choir

The Report of Membership Campaign and Awards. .
H.W. Wiley, Minister, Zion Memorial Bapt.Church

Announcements, The Secretary. .H.E. Staplefoote

The National Anthem (1 Verse). . . The Audience

The Benediction

Retiring of the Colors

THE EMANCIPATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS
(For Our Senior High School Graduates)

1963 Winston Moore. . . . . Atkins
Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.
1963 Mary P. Bowman . . . . . Carver
Winston-Salem State College, City
1963 Daisy Duncan . . . . . Anderson
Barber Scotia College, Concord, N. C.
1962 Joann Dark . . . . . Carver
N. C. College, Durham, N. C.
1961 Catherine Elaine Hughes. . . . . Atkins
New York University, New York City
1961 Charles Hart . . . . . Carver
1960 Faye Knox. . . . . Atkins
Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.
1960 Louise Shelf . . . . . Carver
1959 Alberta N. Nelson. . . . . Carver
Winston-Salem State College, City
1959 Heywood Wilson . . . . . Atkins
N. C. College, Durham, N. C.
1958 Barbara Eaton. . . . . Carver
Winston-Salem State College, City
1958 Jo Jean Lowrence . . . . . Atkins
Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.
1957 George Jones . . . . . Carver
St. Augustine College, Raleigh, N. C.
1957 Theotis L. Kelly . . . . . Atkins
Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio
1956 Janie Greenwood. . . . . Atkins
Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.
1956 Oscar Campbell, Carver. . U. S. Air Force
1955 Mary Jane Willians . . . . . Atkins
Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.
1955 Robert Counts. . . . . Carver
J. C. Smith University; U. S. A. F.

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Membership. . . . . Rev. H. W. Wiley
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THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN WINNERS
"Miss or Mrs. Emancipation"

1963 Mrs. M. Louise Jones, Mt. Zion Bapt. Church
1962 Mrs. Sallie Gladden, Shiloh Baptist Church
1961 Mrs. Ruth I. Davenport, Mt. Zion Bapt. Church
1960 Mrs. Mary S. Philson, Mt. Zion Bapt. Church
1959 Mrs. Doris H. VanLandingham, Mt. Zion Baptist
1958 Mrs. Mary L. Fair, Mt. Zion Baptist Church
1957 Mrs. Vera M. Humphrey, Mt. Zion Bapt. Church
1956 Miss Daisy Martin, First Institutional Bapt.
1955 Mrs. Laura Reynolds, Mt. Zion Baptist Church
1954 Mrs. Estelle McIntyre, First Institutional
1953 Mrs. Bernice Davis, Shiloh Baptist Church

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: Second Monday after the Annual Public Meeting of January 1st. Patterson Avenue Branch "Y".

DUES: One Dollar per year.

MEETINGS: Are held, also, during April, July and October; Executive Committee meets monthly.

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OUR EMANCIPATION MUST BE

FULLY ACCOMPLISHED

The Official Family of the Association Says:

Please accept our thanks for your cooperation.

A HAPPY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL!

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VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

OF

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

EVALUATION REPORT

Types of Methods Used to Secure Registration.

1. Door to door canvas (before securing cards from Urban League).

2. Phone Committees - Calling all residents (predominately Negro) using city directory to encourage registration and voting.

3. Posters placed in leading Negro Businesses.

4. Newsletter - every two weeks (approximately 2,000) carried to all churches uring registration and general C. O. R. E. News.

5. Public appeal through radio, television and pulpits.

6. Postcards and letters to over 1,000 non-registered citizens.

7. Personal contact with many leading organizations to encourage help with project.

8. Young people door to door, street to street appeal to known non-registered citizens, carrying registar to area or having registar at convenient location. Free transportation provided.

9. Bus Stop Check - Students check passengers at bus stops - offer ride home if non-registered person goes to Court House to register on the way home.

10. C. O. R. E. and N. A. A. C. P. Youth Group stage song fest in large community project with signs that appeal to the Negro and the importance of his ballot for 1st class citizenship.

After discussion and reports the following methods were deemed most helpful.

1. Best Method: Direct contact by group going from door to door with cards from files, and carrying registar into area or convient location with door to door contact.

2. Newsletters bring response by phone and personal contact from many church members who are interested in project.

3. Publicity by radio, television, pulpits and posters.

4. Personal contact with club leaders.

5. Phone contact and mail contact - hard to check results but have been helpful.

6. All methods have merit but the above will be used in rest of campaign.

--------V. R. DAY------ Goal. Every Eligible Non-Registered Citizen of Forsyth County.

OUTLINE OF VOTER REGISTRATION

Jan 4-11-18, 1964 - Clear days of door to door contact by entire group. Large group participated each day.

Jan. 14 -Election Day - "Little Federal Plan" - Entire group made appeals to voters and non-registered citizens (even in ice and snow)! Results of voting encouraging - Plan defeated!

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1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.
January 22, 1964

JAN 25 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Inclement weather has slowed down our door to door registration efforts, however we have taken this time for phone contacts and advertisement.

We are sending under separate coverage two topics that were used on W.A.A.A. radio station. There were two other topics, but these were erased at the station before knowing they were to be saved.

I am also enclosing in this report our evaluation report as made and studied by our committee and workers. I feel that a good evaluation will tend to strengthen our program.

We are planning an all out effort on February 8th from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Every precinct will be open and registars will be available for that day. We have contacted several clubs, lodges, and greek letter organizations, they all plan to be on hand for transportation and publicity. Our plan is to use the cards in the files for direct contact and hope to even go into areas where we have no definite precinct as of this time, our newly annexed areas.

If it is at all possible we would like for you or a member of your staff to visit us and see a project in action. While you are at it - please wish for us good weather!

I received your latest note on changes of research director and please let me know in next correspondence, if I am to direct my mail to new director. Also concerning cards for Kimberely Park and Carver Crest, I have contacted Mrs. Hazel Scott and she is working in that area - as you will note she is on one of the tapes with the group.

VEP 3-28

You will receive a copy of all advertisement and tapes as we prepare for our city-wide - Voter Registration Day.

Respectfully yours,

Louise Wilson

Louise Wilson
F. W. Jackson

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1924 E. Third Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.
February 1, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
Room 261
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

At last it seems we have hit the Jack Pot. Please note by the inclosed article that our efforts have been noticed. I am very pleased however, that we could not handily have been ignored in their plans.

I will appreciate it if the following is kept confidential. It seems, from reliable sources, that the Board of Elections became aware of the increase in Negro registration. On several occasions I have found it necessary to go to the Board of Elections office for data and material. Since I was only interested in Negro statistics they became aware of our daily campaign. In seeking admission to use the schools as focal points for registration, this was granted with many points of regulations. Immediately the Chamber of Commerce began to formulate it's drive. Mr. Badgett contacted me and offered us the use of the mobile units. We accepted their offer most graciously, because it will add impetus to our drive. Since we have our plans all outlined - it will be interesting to note that we also plan to encourage the use of the units all five week-ends. Also I feel if they can move the Board of Elections from spot to spot then they cannot complain when we take the Negro registars into the various communities.

The only complaint that has been voiced is the fact that some persons have registered twice. One time using initials and another time using their full name. This of course is corrected when checked against the master files. I have also requested that a Negro registar be with the unit. This is in order that we can check any efforts to keep eligible persons from registering. I did not state this to the election officials, however, I feel it a necessary precaution.

Wish for us good weather and total community cooperation. I wish also to state here that we are indeed grateful to the Southern Regional Council of Churches for this boost in our efforts. Although as you requested, our drive will close for the Voter Education Project on the last of February, I shall continue to send you reports of our continued efforts. We feel that March - April will prove to be months of direct interest since Candidates will be announcing and the world will become election conscious.

Inclosed is financial report - please give to Miss Levine. As requested please send remainder of our supplement ($500.00) and some vouchers. Sent 1/29/64

Sent 2/4/64

Sincerely yours,

F W Jackson

Louise Wilson

Louise Wilson
F. W. Jackson

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Chamber Is Backing Registration

The State and Local Government Committee of the Chamber of Commerce decided yesterday to co-sponsor with the Forsyth Board of Elections a voter-registration drive.

The drive will involve the use of a mobile registration unit operating in various sections of the city during the next few weeks.

Committee Chairman Wade M. Gallant Jr. said his committee became interested in such a drive as a result of learning during the recent "little federal plan" campaign that there are thousands of unregistered, potential voters in Forsyth County.

Chamber President Thomas H. Davis said during the campaign he was concerned about the number of unregistered voters.

To Man Station

Board of Elections Chairman Richard Badgett said the board appreciates the willingness of the chamber to participate in the drive.

He said the board will provide its personnel to man the mobile registration station, and that complete records will be provided in the station so that it can accommodate would-be voters whatever precinct they may reside in.

Gallant said Platon Gailey of the Remington Rand Corp. has been named chairman of a subcommittee to carry out the chamber's function.

The chamber plans to seek use of a mobile home or trailer. It will ask the cooperation of shopping centers for registration sites.

The first operation will be in the East Winston area on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8. For the following four weeks, the mobile registration unit will operate on each Friday and Saturday at various shopping centers, according to tentative plans.

Friday — Jan 31st

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

Drive for Voters To Take to Wheels

By ED CAMPBELL
Staff Reporter

For the first time in its history, the Forsyth County Board of Elections next month will be actively participating in a campaign to get eligible county citizens to register.

It will also be the first time the board has been on wheels.

In co-sponsorship with the state and local government committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the board will put its registration books in a van and take them to various points five weekends, starting the weekend of Feb. 7-8.

The van for the mobile registration unit hasn't been obtained yet, but a Chamber of Commerce official says the state and local government committee has been assured of one.

Board of Elections Chairman Richard Badgett said the unit, which will be manned by precinct registrars and members and personnel of the board of elections office, will be at the following places the following days:

Feb. 7-8: East Winston (place to be announced).

Feb. 14-15: Thruway Shopping Center.

Feb. 21-22: Northside Shopping Center.

Feb. 28-29: Parkway Plaza Shopping Center.

March 6-7: Reynolda Manor Shopping Center.

Hours for East Winston will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days, and at the shopping centers 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. closing Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. closing Saturday.

Badgett said this Friday-Saturday schedule and the shopping center arrangement would be most convenient to prospective registrants. Most everyone in the county knows where the shopping centers are, parking will be easy, and "it won't take but a minute or two to register," said Badgett. "They can do it on their way to grocery shop."

He said a number of would-be registrants may have been kept from registering at the County Courthouse because of the difficulty of finding parking and for the fact that some people don't know where the registrar's office is.

Badgett said a copy of the board's master file would be in the mobile unit "so we can check any application back against it, so there will be no chance of a mistake."

People from any precinct or section of the county may register at the mobile unit.

Commenting on the mobile unit plan, Badgett said, "I think we'll be pretty successful. We haven't tried anything like this before. Of course, it's not costing us anything but time, and anything we get will be gravy."

The Board of Elections lists 75,084 persons as registered. But the City-County Planning Board estimates there are about 122,000 people in Forsyth over 21 years of age.

This means there could be at least 45,000 Forsyth citizens who are eligible to register but who have not done so.

This mobile registration campaign is aimed at them.

Friday Evening Jan 31st

TWIN CITY SENTINEL

Crawford Eyes Legislative Race

By RIXIE HUNTER
Staff Reporter

The Rev. W. R. Crawford, formerly a member of the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen for 10 years, said today he would "like to be" a candidate for the State House of Representatives again this year.

Crawford was fourth man in the race for Forsyth's three House seats in the 1962 Democratic primary.

He was the second Negro to serve on Winston-Salem's Board of Alderman. So far, there has not been a Negro elected to the state legislature of North Carolina in this century. Georgia, with a Negro senator, is the only legislature in the South to have a Negro member at present.

Crawford said today that he is working "to a degree" toward becoming a candidate. "If and when I do announce," he said, "it will be my intention to serve all the people, regardless of where they live and what they look like."

One of Forsyth's three House seats is presently vacant, due to the death of Rep. Dan Drummond during a special session last fall of the General Assembly. A second seat may not be sought by an incumbent—if Rep. Fred Bahnson seeks the new Forsyth Senate seat as it has been rumored he would. The third Forsyth Representative, attorney Claude Hamrick, has not indicated publicly whether he will seek re-election, but it is generally believed that he will.

26 Offices

Forsyth County voters will flip 26 voting machine levers in the Democratic and Republican primaries May 30, provided there are candidates for each of the offices to be filled.

Up for nomination on the state level are governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, treasurer, superintendent of public instruction, attorney general, commissioner of agriculture, commissioner of labor, commissioner of insurance.

Also to be voted on: a U. S. Congressman from the Fifth District.

On the local level voters will nominate two state senators, three members of the State House, five county commissioners, a register of deeds, a solicitor, surveyor, and, on the township level, constables and magistrates.

One race missing from the voting machine this year will be the board of education. This was suspended with the consolidation of city and county schools, until 1967 or 1968 when there will be a vote to determine whether the school board shall be appointed or elected in the future.

The county commissioners will be elected this year as usual, but before they are sworn in December they will draw lots to decide which three commissioners will serve for four years and which two will serve for two years. Commissioners have previously been elected only for two-year terms. After this election they will all be elected for four-year terms.

Filing deadline for all state offices will be at noon March 20. The deadline for all county offices, including those running for the state legislature, will be at noon Friday, April 17.

Rev. Crawford lives in 14th St.
Area - where many of its
virtues are active. It was
Rev. Crawfords Church that
sponsored vegetable Day.
Methodist Men's Club.

We feel this will add interest to non-registered all over city.

Friday Feb 7th Diggs School

Sat. Feb 8th Carver High School

Please note a previous report where I stated how the grange worked on Jan 14th - Little Federal Plan Day.

February 20, 1964

Dr. F. W. Jackson
Voter Registration Project of
Winston-Salem
125 East Third Street
Winston Salem, North Carolina

RE: VEP 3-28

Dear Dr. Jackson:

According to our records, we have received no reports from your organization since January 25. Since you are required to report on your activities weekly, this means you are three weeks overdue.

Would you kindly send us a complete statistical and narrative report as soon as possible so that we may bring our records up-to-date?

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.
February 24, 1964

FEB 26 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
Room 261
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

We had so hoped to have Mr. Blackwell with us this past week-end. However, I suppose with a project such as this, time is a premium.

We have been most successful in our drive since our last report. Please note from materials inclosed that we have reached another media of advertisement - schools! We were aware of the school policy of no political advertisement in schools. With approach to the Mayor and Superintendent - we received an OK on sending notices to parents.

It has taken a lot of hard work, many hours of speaking more hours of organizing and a great number of hours in personal contacts and teaching the value of the ballot. Negro apathy to the importance of the ballot has been our greatest stumbling block.

Please do not accept the following observation as criticism on any group, but I feel it wise to note that the cards from the survey have become obselete in many instances. Since we only have the card of those not registered at various addresses, we tend to reach only those people at first. However, many have moved; several sections have been demolished, and others in the process of being torn down. So after several frustrating trials, and the committee evaluation that was sent to the office, we found the best method, knocking on every door and from this we obtained the largest number of people to register. Some doors we knocked on that we did not have cards to cover - we found many new tenents and unregistered eligible for voting. So while we use the cards as a street guide - we are taking precinct by precinct.

Again we are aware of your generous offer in our city, however, we would like to make application for enough to cover two (2) more months of work. We are now at a point where stopping the program would deter all our many efforts. If this is possible please let us know. Inclosed is project report. Financial report will be sent when statements comes from the bank.

Our future plans are geared to the method of carrying a registar with us, and having other registars stationed at strategic points where Negro business is heavy.

Thanks again for this wonderful opportunity - every hour has been one of a great feeling of doing something worthwhile - also it has proved that C.O.R.E. and N.A.A.C.P. can work together - if left to the youth and mature thinking adults. Our invitation still stands for any member of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Louise Wilson
F. W. Jackson

LW/FWJ/id

OUTLINE OF VOTER REGISTRATION

PROJECT

February 4 & 5 - Youth groups met and made signs for week-end project. Held workshop on new door to door approach. Passed out handbills advertising Mobile Unit in Happy Hill Section.

February 6 - Phone night - Volunteers all over city called from file cards to remind people to vote.

February 7 & 8 - As you will note from newspaper article - These two days were busy ones with five groups working from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. Our church headquarters buzzed with activity and street to street appeal and phone appeals led to over 230 being registered at mobile unit. Also we had a registar working in some areas and she registered 46 in her home after unit moved.

February 10 - Mrs. Louise Wilson spoke at North Elementary P.T.A. and urged parents to register on February 22, when West Winston Civic Club would hold Registration at Kimberly Park Holiness Church. Also received promise of support from P.T.A. to hold registration as future project.

February 11 & 12th - Youth group met and prepared for drive on 15th. Signs, handbills - school notices all gotten out by various committees.

February 14 - Carried 30 people to mobile unit in shopping center.

February 15 - Saint Stephens Church - Registar stayed at church and door to door appeal with transportation right on hand - netted 117 registered. Weather was rainy, cold - snowing, but young people refuse to stop.

February 18 - Mrs. Louise Wilson met with Y-Activity Club - received volunteers for February 29th and March 1st.

February 20-21st. - Phone calls, new signs, and evaluation of groups. A friendly contest between groups has put even more zeal into work.

February 22 - Happy Hill group - carried registar in car - 111 registered for 10-5. Registar ran out of cards - will conplete this area next week.

Downtown group - Young people on busy corner and bus stops with registar in Dr. Jackson's office registered 59.
West Winston Civic Club - Rggistered 55.
Total for day - 225

March 17, 1964

Ms. Louise G. Wilson
1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Ms. Wilson:

We appreciate your letter of March 13. We are pleased that your discussion with Mr. Branton has encouraged you to include more members of the community in your voter registration campaign. We are certain that your approach to dealing with meeting the needs of the uninformed will meet with success. We hope you will keep us informed on your progress or lack of it.in your area. If we can be of assistance to you, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Since the activity seems to have stepped up, monthly statistical reporting will be agreeable to us, but financial reporting should still be forwarded weekly.

Mr. Branton has indicated that he will forward the posters which he promised on his last visit.

We will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
March 13, 1964
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Mrs. Barbara Whitaker
Voter Education Project
Room 261
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

Please inform me if you want us to report weekly or monthly. We find that our weekends are the most important day for our project. So our week runs from Thursday to Thursday and evaulation every two (2) weeks on our progress and new methods or criticism of old methods. We try to face our problems with full knowledge of our errors and how to solve them.

Mr. Branton posed the question that started us to thinking in a new view - instead of apathy - maybe ignorance was our greatest handicap - So on with a new idea! We propose to ask our social science teachers to have special lectures on voter registration followed up with notices of our registration campaign on bulletin boards. The idea is that the children will be encouraged to tell their parents and inquire if they are registered. Mr. Branton said he would have some posters or signs sent to us. Please remind him of this or let me know where we can get them. The second phase of our proposed idea calls for neighborhood meetings with key persons in neighborhood to set up discussion groups on the value of the Negro vote.

Please wish for us success in reaching the public. At the present we are having workshop to help us take a stronger program with the idea that the majority just plain don't know the value of the ballot.

We will appreciate any information or criticism that you might give us that we hope will help us to do a better job.

Respectfully yours,

Louise Wilson

Louise G. Wilson
F. W. Jackson

LGW/FWJ/id

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

OF

WINSTON SALEM, N. C.

PROGRESS REPORT

February 29 - 1964 - Snow postponed project - but 24 were carried to mobile unit and registered.

March 5, 1964 - 15 registered in Dunleith Firestation Area by local community club. 10 registered in uptown effort to get people to go to courthouse.

March 7, 1964 - Lakeside apartments - Area divided into two sections and worked with two groups and registars on spot - Total new registration 133 - 15 changed precincts - Total 148.

March 9, 1964 - Louise Wilson met with Skyland Senior Citizen group and each took 20 cards to call for another big Voter Registration Day, March 21, 1964

Total - 182 registrations - 15 changed precinct. We have 200 new registrations as our goal for each week. We will try to make up our quota - next week!

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1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

APR 8 1964

Mrs. Barbara Whitaker
Voter Education Project
Room 261
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

Are we excited here in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will appear here on April 13th to boost our Voter Registration Drive. His coming has added zest and more determination for our young people. Our groups are increasing so that we can do two or three sections at one time. With the help of our registars our project has become a friendly contest amoung the groups. As we go out, each group tries to get more new registrants than the other.

A new phase is our county drive. Through the help of Mrs. Lottie Hairston, our Home Demonstration Agent in Forsyth County, we were able to go into several of the small communities and one large area and actually do a first class job of educating the people to the value of their ballot. We plan to go again to same areas as they invited us back.- After becoming very enthused over registering and voting. Some did not even know what the word meant and others had felt too far away to understand that they could help.

Also we have permission from the Superintendent of City-County Schools to place registars in all schools on April 26th - which is Polio Vaccine Day - The Shriners, Masons and Veterans of Foreign War - Have all pledged their support on that day.

Inclosed you will find some our material and publicity on Dr. King. We have had radio and Television coverage from all the stations. With more available. I will send some of the tapes and pictures soon.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Jackson
Louise G. Wilson
Louise G. Wilson
F. W. Jackson L.G.W.

FWJ/LGW/id

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

OF

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

PROGRESS REPORT

March 14, 1964 - Group started work on Fairview section. Worked Cleveland Avenue Project. Total new registrants - 107. Changed precincts - 15.

March 18, 1964 - Group resumed in Fairview section. Sleet and rain halted work. Total registered before stopping - 36.

March 19, 1964 - Groups worked downtown corners. Total registered 34.

March 21, 1964 - Uptown group - 31. West Winston Civic Club - 18 Carver High School Talent Show - 103.

March 22, 1964 - Sunday afternoon - groups worked newly integrated project. Total registered - 21. Changed precincts - 8.

March 28, 1964 - Worked uptown at bus stop - placed registar on sidewalk! Total registered - 113. Changed precincts - 17.

March 29 - 30, 1964 - Went into county for 2 hours each day. Registered 31 on Sunday. 27 on Monday - we created a lot af interest and feel that project will be more successful return. Young people were disappointed but have accepted large community as challange.

April 4, 1964 - Brooktown section worked total registered 109. This will be continued in same sections. Group worked 30th street to 26th street in this section. Will cover entire section to 14th Street in next two reports.

Total new 630

Changed precincts 40

We had set 1000 as a goal for month — We are going to try to make up our deficit!

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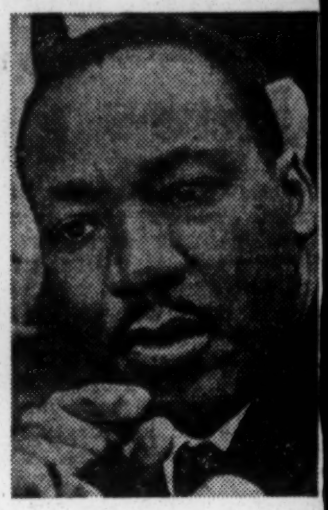

MARTIN LUTHER KING
. . . nationally known . . .

Rights Leader Will Speak In Twin City

Dr. Martin Luther King will speak in Winston-Salem at 8 p.m. Monday, April 13 at the Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church. He will address a register and vote rally at the church.

His appearance is sponsored by the local Voter Registration Project, co-sponsored by the local chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Congress of Racial Equality.

These organizations are conducting a project to register people to vote in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. Dr. Felis W. Jackson, a member of the NAACP board, and Mrs. Louise Wilson, vice chairman of CORE, head the voter registration effort.

King is nationally known as spokesman for the non-violent approach to civil rights protests. He is national head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. A minister, he is co-pastor with his father, the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga.

Young King first achieved national note as leader of the successful Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott eight years ago.

Martin Luther King to Talk

Dr. Martin Luther King will boost registration and voting in Winston-Salem when he appears at a public program at 8 p.m. Monday, April 13, at the Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church.

He is being presented by the Voter Registration Project Committee of Winston-Salem.

The voter registration project is designed to add 5,000 new voters to the local registration

VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

The Voter Registration Project of Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear President and Members:

The Voter Registration Project of Winston-Salem Presents Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as guest speaker at a voter registration rally, Monday, April 13, 1964 - 8 o'clock p.m. at the Goler Metropolitan Church, corner of East Fourth Street and Dunleith Avenue.

We extend to you and each of your members a special invitation to be our guest at this momentous rally.

If possible, we would like to reserve a special section at the program for your club.

Please come out and support this worthwhile effort!

Sincerely,

Louise Wilson

(Mrs.) David R. Wilson
Program Coordinator

Sent to all community clubs + Greek Letter organizations.

VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

The Voter Registration Project of Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Pastor and Members:

The Voter Registration Project of Winston-Salem Presents Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as guest speaker at a voter registration rally, Monday, April 13, 1964 - 8 o'clock p.m. at the Goler Metropolitan Church, corner of East Fourth St and Dunleith Avenue.

We extend to you and each member of your congregation a special invitation to be our guest at this momentous rally.

We anticipate your entire congregation participating.

Please come and support us in this effort!

Sincerely,

Louise Wilson

(Mrs.) David R. Wilson
Program Coordinator

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April 23, 1964

Mrs. Louise B. Wilson
1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

RE: VEP 3-28

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

We are as elated as you are over the success of your voter registration drive. No doubt you will reach your goal of 5,000 new registrants.

The NAACP posters were sent to you at Mr. Branton's request.

It is always a pleasure to hear from you. Thank you for keeping us so well informed on the activities of your project.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

1924 E. Third Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.
April 18, 1964

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APR 22 1964

NAACP posters at WMBS rally.

Mrs. Barbara Whitaker
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

How I wish that you could have been here for our rally! It was most successful. We have no fear now of reaching our goal! It was most interesting to note however, the reaction of the crowd when we asked all non-registered persons to hold up their hands - At first very few - but when I announced that registars were right in the audience and would come to them or they could stop and register on their way out - hands went up all over the church. And while we were awaiting Dr. Kings' late arrival - 165 registered others stopped on their way out this exact number have not secured from registar, but he approximated over 40. Since our rally and the announcement of the numbers to call for registration - We have been flooded with calls as a result. The adults who are not working - go out in the morning - and we take the young people out for 3 hours in the evening - 5:30 to 8:30 P.M.

I know you said to report once a month, but we are so elated - you won't mind if I make a report every 2 weeks.

P.S. Enclosed sample of poster - received from N.A.A.C.P. + AFL-CIO. also program of rally.

Sincerely yours,

Louise G. Wilson

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F. W. Jackson

LGW/FWJ/id

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1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
May 25, 1964

MAY 28 1964

Mrs. Barbara Whitaker
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

It is finished! Alas, but we all were so sad. Our last night of work was a tearful one. The young people had become so interested in the work, and I had become so attached to them - (they all called me "Mom" both white and colored). You can imagine the look on some of the faces when were out on the street and someone (especially the white kids) would holler, "Mom, stop up here." We all went out to dinner together, including the registar, on our last night. I had waited to send the last report in hoping that I could make a report on our plans for election day.

We had hoped one of the candidates would give us $125.00 for a week of campaigning for votes. Our Negro candidates are too poor - the white one will have nothing to do with C.O.R.E. and N.A.A.C.P. However, you will note we plan to have a "GET OUT AND VOTE" project in the evenings and on election day. Everyone is to bring a picnic basket and we shall start at 5:30 A.M. and work until 6:00 P.M. We shall surely let you know our results.

Enclosed is final progress report.

Sincerely yours,

Louise G. Wilson
F. W. Jackson

LGW/FWJ/id

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

OF

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

PROGRESS REPORT

April 15, 1964 - Second Street area - remote area cut off by Urban Redevelopment. Registered 31.

April 18, 1964 - Fairview Section - 21st Street to 17th Street - Registered 153.

April 19, 1964 - Visited Shiloh Baptist Church, took registar - registered 50.

April 22, 1964 - Ridge Avenue Section - Registered 24.

April 24, 1964 - Carolina Linen Service (predominately Negro workers). Visited laundry at lunch hour and registered 47.

April 25, 1964 - Watkins Street, Peachtree Alley, Green Street - Registered 55.

April 26, 1964 - Every school that had K. O. Polio Clinic - We had secured permission to have Voter Registration booths - Even the chairman and co-chairman of the Election Board helped in schools without precinct registar:

Woodland School - 120
Skyland School - 61
14th Street School-63
Kimberly Park School - 51
Diggs School - 104
Columbia Heights School - 52
Carver High School-62
Fairview School - 64
North Elementary School - 55

Total 632

I was a little disappointed. I had hoped for 1,000. However, it was pointed out to me that the people who were interested enough to get out to the Polio Clinic would logically be the ones who would be interested in voting and would already be registered. The young people were elated, so I joined in with praise for the work they did.

April 28, 1964 - West 7th, 8th, and 9th new sections being turned over to Negroes - Registered 23, predominately still white sections.

May 2, 1964 - 10½ - 10th, Greenwood, Cleveland, Short Cleveland, 11th, and Chicago Streets - Registered 36.

May 3, 1964 - Mt. Zion Baptist Church - registered 15.

May 4, 6, 7, 1964 - Dunleith Firestation Section. The kids all teased me on these days - they accused me of taking them to the slums! (smiles). We did work remote areas but were gratified with the interest we created. Registered 68.

May 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 1964 - We used these days to rework areas where people had given registar wrong information and their registration cards were given back to registar to be corrected. Some had registered who were already on books, we had to change precincts. Some had been dropped but were not aware they had not voted in 6 years. We had to re-registar them. Some had spelled their names different from the registar. Were we busy trying to help our registar correct all errors. We were aware that they were a little tired of us at the Board of Elections Office. We had kept them busy! So we worked hard to reach all whose cards had been returned. In our work we continued to register.

At total 84 cards were returned and we corrected them. Registered 36. Thanks for your kindness and interest.

Louise G. Wilson
F. W. Jackson

LGW/FWJ/id

Total this report - 1170

June 4, 1964

Mrs. Louise G. Wilson
1924 East Third Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina RE: VEP 3-28

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I want to commend you on the completion of your highly successful voter registration campaign. The interest and enthusiasm which you demonstrated throughout your activities must have been contagious, for you certainly seemed to get maximum cooperation from your workers.

We noted with interest Rev. Crawford's nomination in the Democratic primary on Saturday.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

OF

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

1924 E. 3rd Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. Jack Minnis, Director of Research
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Minnis:

Inclosed is the weekly report. Also note newspaper outline of wards. As you probably know in the recent election in this city, on annexation - the outlined areas were voted into the city limits. This means that new precincts will be established with ward realignment. We hope to be able to cover this area, especially those heavily populated with Negroes, in our campaign.

I would like also to point out that one of our greatest problems is getting our people to vote after they are registered. In our present project we are also setting up speaking engagements to try to educate the entire community on the importance of their ballot!

At the present time, I am in process of securing for this project a report on the apathy of the voter. I am sure you will then see why we are trying to cover every possible source of publicity and community support. As you will see by the notice in the Newsletter - all organizations are being contacted by mail, phone, radio, television, and personal contact to join in the project. A cash donation has been offered the club that registers over 200 new voters.

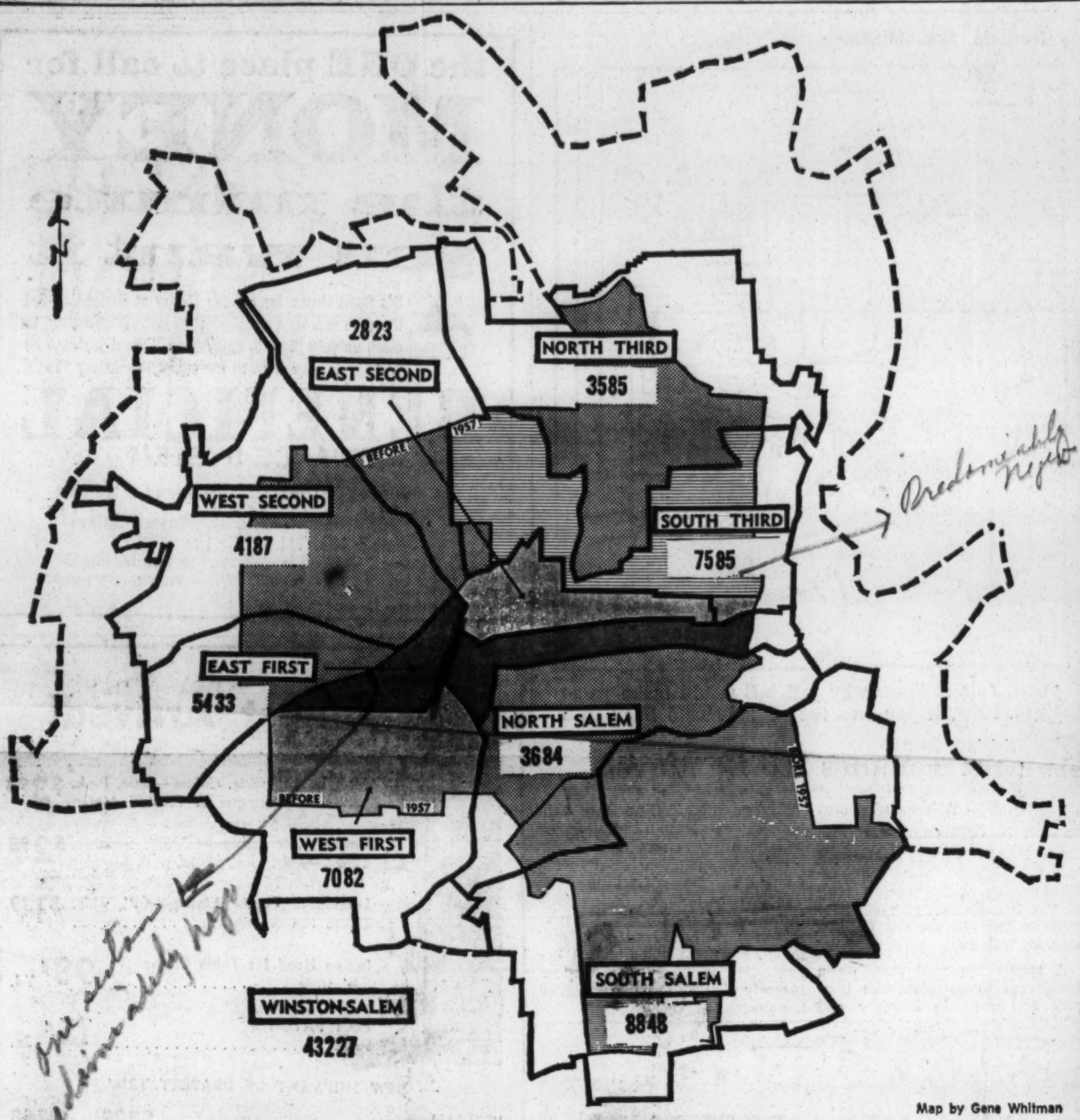
research: note what needed seems to be a like [illegible] [illegible] the word apathy

As the project proceeds you will see the results of many other suggestions. May I also ask you to send any material or idea you think will help to make our project successful.

Sincerely yours,

For
L. G. Wilson
F.W. Jackson
FWJ

LGW/FWJ/id



Map by Gene Whitman

The city's lopsided wards, and how they got that way.

Another Ward Realignment?

By GENE WHITMAN
Staff Reporter

Winston - Salem's municipal wards evolved from the neighborhood alignments of more than half a century ago.

In 1963, swollen with the growth of 50 years, they are lopsided and unequal. An alderman from East Second represents only 2,823 voters, while an alderman from South Salem must represent 8,848.

But any officials who devise another system will have a tough time doing as good a job as their forefathers did back in 1913.

In that year, the busy tobacco town of Winston and the older Moravian village of Salem were merged to become Winston-Salem.

The two towns had grown completely together along their dividing line—First Street, from a point near the present Peters Creek Parkway east to Salem Creek. The merger was a matter of consolidating the two local governments under a plan acceptable to residents of both.

Winston was already divided into three wards or voting precincts—First, Second and Third. Smaller Salem became a fourth ward, thus retaining its neighborhood interests and characteristics.

Even then, the wards looked uneven. Wards usually do, because their boundaries logically follow physical divisions —creeks, streets, railroads.

The city limits went south to meandering Salem Creek, west to Peters Creek in Hanes Park, east to Dunleith Avenue and north to 12th Street, except for a long neck stretching north to Bon Air.

But the wards had clean-cut neighborhood alignments. And they were about as equal as it was possible to make them. In 1914, First Ward had 379 voters; Second Ward, 324; Third Ward, 303; Salem Ward, 364.

Until 1949, Winston - Salem elected two aldermen from each of the four wards—First, Second, Third and Salem.

In the early years, the older, central areas undoubtedly controlled the board. Later, unwritten rules developed. In Salem, for instance, it was well understood that one alderman would come from the original area, the other from "south of the creek."

In 1947, Negro voters up in the Third Ward flexed their muscles and elected the city's first Negro alderman. And, on Jan. 1, 1949, Winston-Salem annexed its first big hunk of new territory in two decades, and had to apportion it among the wards.

The city fathers figured out a plan to split each ward and elect one alderman from each of the eight.

They linked the two big Third Ward Negro neighborhoods by a narrow isthmus between Trade and Main Streets and called the new ward South Third. It looked much as it does today. The white triangle between the two Negro areas became North Third.

This assured the Negroes of one alderman, and made it pretty certain that the whites in North Winston could continue electing one.

In Salem, the area south of the creek became South Salem; the old, original Salem area became North Salem. First and Second wards were split into eastern and western areas.

South Salem residents howled that they were big enough for two aldermen at least. Negroes took up the cry, demanding that South Third be split.

The city fathers admitted they were much bigger than the other wards, but said there wasn't any way to remedy the situation without having 10 aldermen, and everybody agreed that the more aldermen, the more politics.

The fight went to the State Legislature, which, of course, followed the recommendation of the local delegation and enacted the new system.

The map with this article shows, in shaded areas, these

wards as they were established in 1949 and remained, with some small annexations, until 1957.

In 1957, there was another big annexation, and the city fathers again faced the problem of distributing the new territory. Again, they ruled that South Salem and South Third couldn't be equitably split without at least 10 aldermen, perhaps 12 or 14.

Instead, they tried to open up each ward, so it could grow with city expansion. The map shows, inside the solid black lines, what happened.

North Third was extended. South Third took part of the Negro area from East Second.

East Second, in turn, was extended like a boot to encompass the Wake Forest area. This had the effect of assuring that East Second would continue to elect a white alderman.

West Second was cut back to the area between Reynolda Road and Country Club Road, but got the rapidly developing northwestern sector.

East First went west to pick up Hanestown and became a six-mile-long ward. West First got the Miller Park area and the remainder of expanding Ardmore.

North Salem was given a slice of the area south of Salem Creek—to give it an outlet for growth, city officials said. South Salem lost this little piece of territory, but got all the rest of the southern expansion.

As the voter figures on the map show, there's still an enormous gulf between the two big wards—South Third and South Salem—and such little ones as North Salem and East Second.

When the aldermen add the territory within the broken lines which is to be annexed next June, six of the wards will become fairly equal in voter-strength.

There will remain the problem of East Second and North Salem, far smaller than any of the others.

Officials are already studying the advisability of drawing an entirely new system, which will take an act of the Legislature.

If they do, they'll face the same old problems:

It's next to impossible to draw up a fair ward system, retaining established neighborhood alignments and giving equitable treatment to Negroes and whites, without more than eight aldermen.

If they have aldermen elected from the town at large, they'll completely lose the custom of neighborhood representation and make a citywide political fight out of every aldermanic contest.

The 21 Saving Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. today with Mrs. Ruth Graham of 763 Patterson Avenue.

Sethos Court No. 105 will meet at 4 p.m. Sunday with Mrs. D. O. Penn of 903 N. Cameron Avenue.

The Hollywood Social Club will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Elks Home.

The Twin City Barbers Association will elect officers at its meeting at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion hut on Attucks Street.

The Elizabeth Chapter No. 310, Order of Eastern Star, will meet at 7:30 p.m. today at the Hawkins building at 15th and Liberty streets. Officers will be elected.

Voter registration will be held from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. today at three places:

At Zion Memorial Baptist Church at First Street and Dunleith Avenue, at Lloyd Presbyterian Church on North Chestnut Street; and at Cherry Hill Apartments on North Cherry Street.

The project is co-sponsored by CORE and the NAACP.

Obituaries

SAMPLE

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

September 10, 1963

Dear

This communication comes to inform you that I have now completed the series of field trips into the nine counties that constitutes the First Congressional District of South Carolina. As a result of these trips, I am delighted to report to you that in every county except one, I found great enthusiasm for a get-together of the leaders in voter registration activities.

In this regard, a meeting is called by this letter to be held in the Garden Room of the Brook Real Estate Building, 59 Morris Street, Charleston, South Carolina, September 21, 1963, at 10 a. m. A description of matters to be considered is set forth on the enclosed sheet. You are cordially invited.

The Voter Education Project will pay for the noon meal, as well as the travel expenses of cars at the rate of 7¢ per mile.

I am supplying you with a list of the individuals that have been invited. If you should discover that we have omitted the name of any person that you feel we should have included, we would appreciate having you invite them for us.

Please let us see you at this important meeting. Your presence and experience is very much needed.

Yours truly,

Randolph T. Blackwell
Field Director

RTB:js

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I have your letter of September 10, 1963.

☐ You may expect me to be present.

☐ I will be unable to attend the September 21 meeting.

I am bringing with me ____other individuals.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Randolph T. Blackwell
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Agenda for

VOTER REGISTRATION LEADERSHIP MEETING

Garden Room - Brook Real Estate Building

59 Morris Street

Charleston, South Carolina

10:00 - 11:00 a. m.

Discussion of historical significance of the ballot, fruits of the ballot, and the present South-wide registration drive.

11:00 - 12:00 noon

Anticipation of registration problems and approaches to solving them.

Statements from each delegation

12:00 to 1:00 p. m.

Lunch

1:00 - 3:00 p. m.

Discussion of techniques of conducting registration drives.

3:00 - 4:00 p. m.

Meeting of delegates by counties to determine what they can expect to accomplish.

4:00 - 5:00 p. m.

Election of district officers

5:00 - 5:30 p. m.

Summary statement

Meeting of elected officers and VEP to talk about budget.

LIST OF INVITEES

Wherever possible, we encourage the pooling of cars so as to reduce the cost of this meeting.

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THE ONLY SUCH PUBLICATION OF ITS KIND

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Volume 1 August, 1963 Number 1

INTRODUCING OUR NEWSLETTER

This is the first issue of the Voter Education Project's monthly report on voter registration work in eleven southern states, and VEP viewpoints on Negro voting. The purpose of this publication is to gather and disseminate news of the various vote drives under our auspices, for your information, and for practical political education.

We will report methods and styles developed by different local projects in persuading and helping citizens to register. We will present difficulties, successes, and failures of these drives as pioneer experience from which other community projects may learn. The newsletter will attempt also to tabulate results of these voter efforts and pass them on in this report, to be issued the 15th of each month. The newsletter also will offer comment and interpretation on experience of groups in the field over the South.

Wiley Branton

This newsletter, as the official organ of VEP is, of course, non-political and non-partisan. It will, adhering to VEP's purpose, confine its interest to methods and results of voter registration drives, and in no way concerns itself with any political candidates, issues, or legislation. The aims of VEP are voter registration, and acquiring information about how voters are registered, and its program is limited to these aims. So the newsletter will report and occasionally comment on the project's findings, with no political interest or policy whatever, except registering voters.

VEP was begun in the spring of 1962 and is planned to continue at least through 1964. The agency operates on funds granted to the Southern Regional Council by foundations interested in a large, free southern electorate. Project work in the main is done by the five major civil rights organizations, NAACP, CORE, SNCC, SCLC, NUL. Frequently, however, VEP makes special grants to local groups with a record of success in registering voters, where local conditions show the need for voting assistance and promotion. The project also functions to provide advice, materials, information and other experienced help to local groups even when it cannot give funds.

J. Minnis

The Project has assembled a large, and perhaps unique, store of information about ways and means of registering voters, and the obstacles and frustrations to be met. This information is available to any persons or groups who wish to benefit from this past and present experience in registration campaigns in their own communities.

Wiley A. Branton, civil rights lawyer from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, who was chief counsel for the plaintiffs in the school desegregation cases of Little Rock in 1957 and has practiced law for a decade in the South, is VEP director. Randolph Blackwell, law school graduate of Howard University, former political science and business law teacher in North Carolina and Alabama colleges, is director of field activities for VEP, and travels over the region to supervise, report on, and assist the local projects. Jack Minnis, a doctoral candidate in political science at Tulane University and author of magazine articles on civil rights and political topics, is director of research and consultant to workers in the field.

R. Blackwell

Mrs. Jean Levine is office manager and administrative secretary, assisted by Mrs. Janet Shortt.

NEW TECHNIQUES IN VOTER EDUCATION

A survey of voter registration projects scattered across the eleven southern states shows a tendency of successful workers to by-pass or greatly augment the traditional house-to-house canvass means of registration. VEP found after a year's study of local projects, a great variance in results, attributable to many factors. Some success and some failure, or slight and slow progress, can be explained by the political maturity, experience and know-how of the Negro community. Memphis, where colored voters have long wielded political influence, of course is more responsive to registration projects and shows greater increases in registered voters than, say, a registration campaign in Jackson, Mississippi, where registration is attended by intimidations, and where Negroes have had very little political hope or activity in recent years. Similarly, a vote drive in Macon, Georgia, with a free and experienced Negro political organization, brought several thousand new registered voters, while a campaign in Gadsden, Alabama, had what can be considered a notable success in registering a handful of Negroes against great obstacles and threats from the white community.

It also become apparent from VEP information from the field that registration groups which invent new, untried techniques and create appealing, rousing presentation of their programs to the people, come through with excellent results in interest and the number of new registrants. In Huntsville, Alabama, for instance, the registration committee hung two signs on a mule which they paraded through the streets with the message: "This friend is not registered because he is a mule — what is your excuse?" This conspicuous appeal within a few days excited talk, laughter, and interest which started a highly successful drive. New approaches like this appear up and down the line.

Some organizations do well with

(Continued on Page 4)

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Wiley Branton
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J. Levine — J. Shortt

You Should Read

"If We Must Die"

By Junius Edwards

All too frequently, fiction which attempts to serve the purpose of social protest can be comfortably dismissed with the argument that it is, after all, fiction, and does not necessarily conform to the situation which actually exists. I think the American people need to know that such an argument is wholly invalid with respect to Mr. Edwards' work. Those who read it — and I think it extremely important that it receives the widest public attention — will doubtless be uncomfortable at the conflict between the conditions which the book presents on one hand, and the kind of society which we should all like to think America is on the other. If such discomfort cannot be alleviated by rationalizing that the book is merely fiction, then perhaps the American people will be more inclined to take the action which is necessary to remedy the conditions.

For more than a year, the Voter Education Project has been granting funds for the support of registration drives among Negroes in the South. Since our primary purpose is that of research, we have taken the trouble to assemble a large body of data concerning the conditions with respect to Negro registration throughout the South. The story which Mr. Edwards presents in "If We Must Die" could have been taken, almost in its entirety, from any one of dozens of files in our office. I say this to point out that while technically Mr. Edwards' book is a work of fiction, as a matter of fact, it is an accurate description of conditions which exist with respect to registration and voting for Negroes in many parts of the southern United States as of today.

Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project

Blowin' In The Wind . . . .

Selma, Alabama

Bernard Lafayette, Bossie Reese, and their fellow workers continue to instruct and encourage Selma Negroes to register and vote in Dallas and Wilcox counties. In spite of the arrests, intimidations and beatings of their leaders, Dallas and Wilcox county Negroes courageously demand their rights as U. S. citizens at their county courthouses daily. Twenty or more appear at each courthouse on registration days, the first and third Mondays of each month.

Birmingham, Alabama

The young people of Birmingham and Jefferson County are conducting a registration drive that grew out of the demonstrations which terminated on May 12. It was organized by Andy Young, James Bevel, and Dorothy Cotton, of SCLC. The Negro community has supported the students fully. More than 1,800 now have been registered. The cooperation of Orzell Billingsley, Jr., and Mrs. Bernice Johnson made possible the filing of the Justice Department suit in Birmingham, asking that more than 2,000 named Negroes be ordered registered because of discrimination at the registrar's office.

Mobile, Alabama

C. M. Montgomery and Atty. Vernon Crawford, assisted by the strategy planning of Freeman Pollard, have begun a registration program in Mobile, called the Mobile County Voter Education Project. Enough enthusiasm was generated at a March meeting between Mobile leaders and VEP staff that 400 persons were registered even before the details of the VEP sponsorship had been worked out. A Mr. Bishop, who is blind, registered 28 persons, we are informed.

Montgomery, Alabama

Sim E. Williams, project coordinator for the Montgomery County Voter Education Project, is completing an up-to-date list of the registered voters of the county. The registration drive will start shortly after August 15. The Barristers Club of Montgomery (all the Negro lawyers in town) initiated the project and helped form an executive committee of leadership from all the clubs in the county. The executive committee sets policy and makes available the resources of all the organizations. The project enjoys the support of Rufus Lewis of long registration distinction in the community.

Atlanta, Georgia

Jesse Hill, director of the Atlanta All Citizens Registration Committee reports more than 3,700 new registered voters in Fulton County since April. The Atlanta effort will continue for several months.

Negro citizens of Leflore County, Mississippi, registering at the county courthouse in Greenwood.

Mississippi

Bob Moses, Council of Federated Organizations director, reports that between 500 and 700 persons voted by affidavit in the state-wide primary on August 7 in Greenwood. In Holmes, Sunflower, and Hinds counties, more than 600 persons tried to vote under the Mississippi affidavit law, but were turned away from the polls.

SNCC men Charles McLaurin, Charles Cobb, and Curtis Hayes were arrested by Ruleville city police when they led a group of 40 citizens to the Ruleville Community Center to vote (some by affidavit and others by registration). The three were taken to the Sunflower County jail and tried that same evening in Mayor's Court in Indianola. According to Sunflower

SNCC registration workers in Leflore County Mississippi jail.

County Chief Deputy Sheriff Bradley, the three were convicted of "tryin' to commit a crime".

U. S. Senator James O. Eastland lives in Sunflower County when he is not in Washington trying to prevent the passage of legislation guaranteeing the right to vote. Senator Eastland insists there is no need for such legislation, particularly in his native Sunflower County.

Several hundred new registered voters voted for the first time in the Democratic primary. Those voting by affidavit had attempted to register, but had been turned down by the county registrars. They were convinced, despite the registrar's refusal to enter their names in the books, that they were as qualified as any person under the Mississippi "laws". Local policemen guarding the polls disagreed with them. "The answer is blowin' in the wind".

John O'Neal and Carl Johnson, SNCC field men, have reactivated the Council of Federated Organizations Hattiesburg project. The Fifth Circuit Court ordered registrar Theron Lynd to purge himself of contempt by registering 43 named Negroes and by applying the Mississippi literacy test without discrimination. John and Carl will keep an eye on Theron, lest he slip back into his old bad habits. Meanwhile, they'll organize a concentrated registration drive in the Hattiesburg community. Mississippi is on the move.

Greensboro, N. Carolina

American Friends Service Committee began a registration drive early in August. Mr. Carlton Mabee is directing the project with workers recruited from the ranks of Guilford College students. The emphasis of the program will be voter education, with registration a secondary benefit. The experience of this project should be of immense benefit to future registration efforts in Guilford County.

Kingstree, S. Carolina

Williamsburg County leaders, Jonnie Dimery and Rev. S. A. Gadston, with the help of Congress of Racial Equality men Frank Robinson and E. Brown, seem to have moved the county registrars into a more reasonable posture. Registration is confined to one day a month, the first Monday. Last March, more than one hundred persons lined up at the registrar's office; only eleven were admitted and only nine accepted. In April, more than 200 persons lined up; again, only eleven were admitted, and again only nine were accepted. In May, more than 100 again lined up, and again only nine were registered. But in June, 96 were admitted, and, of these, 65 were accepted. It's difficult to say exactly what produced the change, but reports are that U. S. Justice Department representatives and the Attorney General of South Carolina found it advisable to consult with Williamsburg county officials.

Plaquemine, Louisiana

Congress of Racial Equality man Ronnie Moore reports that the CORE task force summer project is conducting registration programs in Tangipahoa, St. Helena, East Baton Rouge, West Feliciana, East Feliciana and Pointe Coupe parishes. Though numerical results are expected to be small at first, the important fact is that Negroes are beginning to register in these hard-core segregation areas. This in itself is a radical departure from the past.

Mr. Moore and his co-workers were able to save more than 500 Negroes from a purge of the registration rolls in Iberville parish by informing the voters of what they must do to remain on the rolls.

Charleston, S. Carolina

Esau Jenkins, President of the Citizens Committee of Charleston County, announced the beginning of a registration drive July 15 which will run through November 15. It was reported by Mrs. Jean C. Townsend, Chairman of the Charleston County Registration board that 501 Negroes registered during the three registration days of August. She said, "I haven't seen anything like this". Mr. Jenkins and his co-workers have the kind of reputation in voter registration which inspires confidence that the program in Charleston will produce a decided change for the better in the registration picture there.

Macon, Georgia

The Bibb County Coordinating Committee, under the leadership of William Randall, recently completed a registration drive during which more than 3,000 new voters were added to the registrar's books. Mr. Randall's organization plans another drive early in the fall.

Alabama

Mrs. Bernice Johnson, of the Alabama State Coordinating Association for Registration and Voting, reports that 675 new voters were registered in nine Alabama counties during the registration days, July 1-5, 1963. This is only a partial total of the drive in more than twenty counties. Future issues will report the total results of this drive.

The NAACP reports the following increases in registration since April of this year: Tampa, Fla., 331; Jackson, Miss., 488; Memphis, Tenn., 4,226; Gainesville, Fla., 308; St. Petersburg, Fla., 902; Augusta, Ga., 195; Polk County, Fla., 626.

Students of Ballard-Hudson and Appling High Schools registering at City Hall, Macon, Georgia.

PLEASE CLIP AND MAIL TO:
THE VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
5 Forsyth St., N. W., Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

☐ **I would like to be on your mailing list to receive future copies of the VEP newsletter.**

☐ **I would like to talk with a VEP representative about registration work in my community.**

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ **State**_____

Poll Tax Amendment Nears Ratification

The proposed amendment below was approved by the 87th Congress of the United States August 27, 1962. It was submitted to the fifty states, and will become a part of the Constitution when it is ratified by the legislators of three-fourths of the states, if these ratifications take place within seven years.

Already thirty-six states have ratified this amendment. The two additional states needed for adoption of the amendment will probably ratify it in the near future.

Proposed Amendment

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Milestone In Georgia

Less than a year has passed since Leroy Johnson, Atlanta lawyer, was elected to the Senate of the Georgia General Assembly, the first Negro to serve in the Legislature since 1907.

Mr. Johnson's election and quiet service to his constituency is more than a Georgia political milestone. It is proof to Negro voters all over the South of the power of their vote in free elections.

Last November, free from county unit shackles and the racist opinion of rural communities, urban Georgians, including influential numbers of Negro voters, went to the polls, and — each voter's ballot being equal — elected a moderate governor and the state's first Negro in the Legislature.

Senator Johnson's performance has been quiet, able, and effective. One of the bills he introduced has already been signed into law.

An interesting aspect of Negro exercise of the ballot last year in Georgia is the elevation of statesmanship not only in the Legislature, but political circles over the state. It is well known that one of Georgia's most extreme segregationists, a young politician, not only received Senator Johnson with unprecedented civility, but invited him to his home for dinner. The senator also has visited U. S. Senator Talmadge, long-time political and segregationist "king" of the Georgia political machine, at his home in Lovejoy, suggesting that the Negro politicians advent to the capitol has vastly improved the manners of white leadership.

Voter Education

(Continued from Page 1)

competition, with registration encouraged by contests. Sometimes its a race between clubs and churches competing for a prize for the registration of the most voters. Sometimes its a contest to get each Negro organization in a community to register their members 100%, with prizes for the 100 per centers. One registration group listed all its community church and club names — more than 100 — on a large scoreboard on a downtown street, and periodically listed the percentages of memberships registering to vote, which excited great interest from the organizations and others in the town.

Several communities have increased voter registration by talking to prospective voters when they come to the courthouse on other business. Another city plans to begin its registration drive with a big parade of bands, floats, and marching citizens. Another group plans to promote registration with a radio marathon. A large, deep South community is considering a series of beer parties to interest citizens in voting, and still another town is looking around for a celebrated entertainer to give a benefit performance for new registrants.

A surprise night life gimmick gets good results in Mobile, Alabama, where night club owners poll their customers to find who is registered and who is not. And, voter registration activity frequently displaces more frivolous and less civil backroom activity on many evenings of the Mobile week.

Voter registration workers are often asked, "Are you doing anything for the people politically other than just getting their names on the books?" And they reply, "Well, we're persuading the people to take the first step.

Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

September 17, 1963

Mr. Albert Brook
Brook Real Estate Building
59 Morris Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Brook:

In regard to our telephone conversation today, the enclosed check in the amount of $45 is payment on the voter registration meeting to be held in your Garden Room on Saturday, September 21.

If we can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Very truly yours,

Janet Shortt
Secretary to Mr. Blackwell

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September 21, 1963

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Randolph T. Blackwell

RE: First Congressional District Organizational Meeting held in Charleston, South Carolina, September 21, 1963

Janet has, in her notes, more than adequately summarized this meeting. A tape recording was made of the meeting so that the actual words of the participating speakers can be examined.

There are several things, however, that will not be reflected in Janet's notes or the tape, that I think worthy of noting:

1. I have not worked with a group that was as cooperative as this one. There was not a single occasion where I had to beg the group for order.
2. We had wholesale informality and freedom of expression from the beginning to the end.
3. There was no wandering off after lunch, which is so often the case in meetings of this sort.
4. There was no needless speaking just to be seen.
5. There was enthusiasm, frankness, and candor throughout the session.

All in all, I feel very good about the meeting, especially when old veteran workshop man like Mr. Siceloff described the meeting by saying, "It could not have been better". Rev. Matthew McCollum said, "It was the best thing of its kind that I have ever attended".

The registration forms are here attached. They will reflect the facts relative to representation in the meeting.

Individual travel expense vouchers will reflect the fact about the cost of the travel expense.

After having come through this meeting, I am absolutely convinced that I could not have conducted it without Janet's very able assistance. She was busy from the time the meeting started until after it was over. I am satisfied with my decision to pay the expense of her travel down to Charleston out of my pocket, after the request for same was rejected. I do not request reconsideration of this matter. However, I do feel that VEP should compensate her for a day's work, even though Janet has said that she will willingly donate these services.

Because of my belief that this was a worthwhile adventure, I would recom-

mend that with your approval, the same thing be done as soon as possible in the third and fourth congressional districts of South Carolina.

Randolph T. Blackwell

RTB:js

Attachments: 3
1) Minutes
2) Travel vouchers (on original only)
3) Registration forms (on original only)

(Original copy of report with all Attachments can be found in the file under "Voter Registration Meeting - Charleston, S.C.")

September 23, 1963

Minutes of the Voter Registration Meeting
Charleston, S. C.
10 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., September 21, 1963

Part I.

The meeting was opened by RRB, and led in a brief devotional service by the Rev. Matthew McCollum.

RRB cited the purpose of the meeting, which was to exchange ideas concerning voter registration. He expressed appreciation to the delegates forthheir attendance, and expressed appreciation for their having retained their belief that we can make something decent and worthwhile out of the world in spite of the Birminghams. He thanked them for all they had done in the past in the areas of political activity, community work, etc.

RRB went on, in his brief opening speech, to tell of some of the things he has encountered during his travels throughout the 11 southern states. He told of the hardships and brutalities that registration workers have undergone, and added that help in all forms was possible to distressed persons seeking aid.

Most of all, the determination, urgency and immediacy of the times was stressed, and the need for having something for Negro children to grasp once their parents had struggled to educate them, instead of having nothing to hand out to them. The idea that this responsibility lay on the shoulders of people throughout the southland, and might extend to saving the entire world because of incidents like the Birmingham atrocity, which was publicized throughout the world.

This short address was enthusiastically received, and set the pattern for the entire meeting, which moved alongg smoothly with participation from every delegate present. Ideas and suggestions came forth with a great deal of zeal and interest.

Anticipation of Registration Problems, and Approaches to Solving Them.

Part II.

Courtney Siceloff, of the Penn Community Services, and the Rev. Matthew McCollum, of Walterboro, S. C., were the leaders of this discussion. All of the problems listed below were brought out in open discussion by these two individuals, along with the attending delegation.

The problems cited:

1. The problem of reaching the "pool room" segment of the community.
2. The apathy of the people.
3. How suspicion is aroused when money is involved.
4. Dictatorship tendencies of the leaders.
5. The dodge of elected politicians and methods they use to get around issues.
6. The illeracy problem.
7. City Hall pressure.
8. The fear of economic reprisals.
9. The fear of the "unknown".
10. Abusiveness of registrars, such as name calling.
11. The failure of those who finally register to vote.

The solutions:

1. Insistance of picking leaders with a high moral character.
2. Encouragement in the wise use of the ballot.
3. Block and door-to-door campaigns.
4. Registration schools.
5. Show proof of some persons who have registered sucdessfully without economic reprisal.
6. Reporting of abuses to Justice Department to have such cases checked into.
7. Stressing the importance of political education, and implementing the importance and advantages of the power of the vote.
8. Reaching the aged, so that their influence might be used in the community.
9. Reaching the under-35 group for the door-to-door campaigns.
10. Overcoming the problem of pronouncing difficult words in attempting to register.

The meeting then recessed for lunch.

Techniques Used in Registration

Part III.

This segment, led by RTB, brought out the comments of several of the registration leaders in the meeting. RTB brought out the fact that one successful technique is to involve a great number of people. The highlights of these other comments are as follows:

Mrs. Bernice Robinson was called on by RTB to express some of her ideas. Mrs. Robinson has been noted for her work in Mississippi, as well as South Carolina. Her ideas are as follows:

1. Set up citizenship schools.
2. Organize young people and senior adults alike. The use of young people for on-the-spot training, and the adults for coffee hours, community dinners.
3. Stress political education after registration, and give the individuals reasons for motivation.
4. Recognize the fact that different techniques have to be used in different sections and situations.

Billy Fleming, Manning, S. C.:

1. Check books on registration to determine number of Negroes registered.
2. Publish booklet, as was done in Manning, with the registered voters listed that headlines, "Is Your Name in this Book?", and put copy in every church, school, known organization, etc. (This idea was very well received because, as it was brought out, so many people will say they are registered, who are not. With the booklet, they cannot dodge the issue, and shame at not being registered and having their names appear in the booklet so publicly and widely distributed will cause them to go ahead and register.
3. Do a county auditor search of known Negroes with property assessed at $300 which can serve as a prospective list of voters.
4. Impressing one's congressman as to the changing times, and the power of the Negro vote.

Esau Jenkins, Charleston, S. C:

1. Organize and ask people what they want.
2. Check registration books.
3. Have persons sign name on application blanks, then set up meetings, get in touch with individuals and set up citizenship schools.
4. Set up voter education office with voting machines, and have newly registered people come in to be trained in its use.

Techniques Used in Registration (cont'd)

Mr. Deloach, Hampton County: (Newly organized group)

1. Organize leadership school
2. Personal contact and urging.
3. Door-to-door contacts.

Other county representatives stressed the importance, as did the others mentioned above, upon the need of citizenship schools, and the urging of Negroes to take advantage of night school trainings to overcome the barriers placed before them in pronouncing difficult words, when they go to apply for registration.

Rev. McCollum closed this section with the following suggestions:

1. Use youth workers door-to-door.
2. Enlist teachers to teach citizenship in high schools in their civic classes.
3. Conduct campaigns with clubs, churches.
4. Run a candidate for office. (His contention was that even if the candidate was not expected to win, it would cause a number of Negroes to register, knowing a Negro was running for an office).
5. Increase organization at precinct meetings. Participation in precinct meetings would cause a voice that can be heard in national conventions. Delegates were urged to get the legislative manuals for needed information.

Part IV.

The figures below indicate the number that the delegates arrived at that they believe can be registered between now and February 28th, in their respective counties.

Jasper - 750 to 1000
Beaufort - 1000
Charleston - 2000
Berkeley - 500
Clarendon - 500
Hampton - 5000
Dorchester - 700 to 1000
Colleton - 500

Part V.

Election of District Officers:

The delegates unanimously decided to name the organizations "The First Congressional District Voter Education Project".

The officers were elected as follows:
Chairman - Mr. Billy Fleming
Co-Chairman - Mrs. Bernice Johnson

Election of District Officers (cont'd):

Secretary:
Mrs. Frieda Robinson
Treasurer:
Rev. Matthew McCollum

The Steering Committee: (This committee will be responsible for electing the Coordinator. Names are to be submitted to the committee for consideration.

This committee was selected from representatives of each county. They are as follows:

John S. Boyd - Clarendon County
J. H. Hosey, - Hampton County
Cleaver B. Johnson-Beaufort County
Vanuel Mitchell-Jasper County
Rev. Lewis H. Simmons-Dorchester County
B. E. Price-Colleton County
Ruby Francis-Charleston County
Rev. Samuel Wakefield-Berkley County

A key person is to be selected from each county, and the name sent in to the Secretary.

The Steering Committee will serve as exofficio members of the Steering committee.

RTB urged members to do something about Allendale County, who had no members represented at the meeting.

Rev. Simmons dismissed the meeting.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

September 24, 1963

Charleston, S. C. Meeting
September 21, 1963

Amount allowed for meeting		$300.00
Amount paid to Mr. Albert Brooks		$104.57
Food (67 plates @ $1.25	$83.75	
Sodas and coffee	5.64	
Rental of hall	12.50	
Sales Tax	2.68	
Travel expenses @ 7¢ per mile		208.46
	Total Spent---$313.03	
	Amt. allowed-- 300.00	
	Total due ----$ 13.03	

Submitted by:

RTB:js

Attachment: 1

(Receipt from Mr. Brooks)

Randolph T. Blackwell

OCT 8 1963

WB

Route 1, Box 108 A
Seabrook, South Carolina
October 7, 1963

Mrs. Bernice Robinson, Executive Secretary
First Congressional District VEP
22 Dewey Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Following is the information you requested:

Chairman - Mr. Billy Flemming
Flemming Funeral Home
Manning, South Carolina

Secretary - Mrs. Frieda R. Mitchell
Route 1, Box 108 A
Seabrook, South Carolina

Treasurer - Rev. Matthew McCollum
303 Verdier Street
Walterboro, South Carolina

Steering Committee:

Allendale County - Mr. J. J. Fields
Post Office Box 195
Allendale, South Carolina (584-2086)

Beaufort County - Mr. Clever B. Johnson
Frogmore, South Carolina

Berkeley Beaufort - Mr. Sam Weigfall
Route 1, Box 9 B
Huger, South Carolina

Charleston County - Mrs. Rubye C. Francis
515 King Street
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

Clarendon County - Mr. John S. Boyd
109 E. Boyce Street
Manning, South Carolina

Colleton County - Mr. B. E. Price
Post Office Box 7
Walterboro, South Carolina

Dorchester County - Rev. Lewis Simmons
Post Office Box 371
Summerville, South Carolina

Hampton County - Rev. J. W. Hosey
Route 1, Box 133
Garnett, South Carolina

Jasper County - Mr. Vaniel Mitchell
R. F. D.
Ridgeland, South Carolina

Hope that everything is going well with you in your work.

Very truly yours,

Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary

FRM
CC: Mr. Billy Flemming, Chairman
Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Mr. Randolph T. Blackwell, Field Director

WB

OCT 14 1963

Route 1, Box 108 A
Seabrook, South Carolina
October 11, 1963

Dear Co-Worker:

This is to call your attention to the meeting of the First Congressional Voter Education Project which will be held at Emanuel Baptist Church, 3 North Street, Summerville, South Carolina on Tuesday, October 22, 1963 at 6:00 o'clock P. M. (The church is located near Alston High School).

The First District Chairman, Mr. Flemming, has requested each delegate from the nine counties in the district to bring in a report on what's being done in his individual county to get more people registered.

Each delegate is urged to be present to represent his county.

Yours truly,

Frieda R. Mitchell

Frieda R. Mitchell, Dist. Secretary
Mr. Billy Flemming, Dist. Chairman
Mrs. Bernice Robinson, Executive Secretary, Dist. #1

CC: Delegates from the nine counties in District # 1
Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Mr. Randolph Blackwell, Field Director

October 1[illegible] 1963

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Randolph T. Blackwell

Re: The Prospectus of the First Congressional District Voter Education Project

The budget and prospectus of the First Congressional District Voter Education Project is, in my mind, out of line with that we have been doing in other areas. To honor it as presented, would be to make available sponsorship at the rate of $3,433 per month. This would be for six rather than for nine counties, in light of the fact that we have already made grants to Berkeley, Charleston, and Clarendon.

If we look at the budget more closely, however, we find that the longest request for any one of the counties is only $233 per month. These requests are in line with the thinking that developed in the Charleston meeting. The budget gets out ofhhand when consideration is given to the staff that would serve all of the nine counties. In this regard, it was felt by the delegates at the Charleston meeting, that this organization could make use of a full-time secretary that would travel each of the counties, checking on work being done, and helping to develop and improve programs. For this, a full-time salary would be needed. Such should be profitable to VEP, both in terms of numbers registered, as well as in terms of Field Director time saved in this area. The request for the secretary that would do this work is $2000 for six months, or $333 per month.

The budget includes a request for board members to travel to meetings and speaking engagements, for advertising, for office supplies, and secretarial help.

It appears to me that the board members could take care of their travel as their contribution to the movement. In this same vein, it would appear that such advertising as is done should come out of the sum granted to the counties.

I would not, at this point, favor the idea of an office or a paid secretary. At this point in the history of this organization, I think such would present the temptation to make of this organization a paper outfit rather than a field outfit. Some secretarial supplies would, of course, have to be purchased.

I therefore recommend that VEP make:

1. A grant of $6,400 for work across the district as set out in the proposed budget.

2. A grant of $1000 for a secretary as proposed.

3. A grant of $50 for office supplies.

And that:

4. The district organization be encouraged to supplement these grants in those areas where they feel that they need to be supplemented if the grants are accepted.

5. ~~All~~ monies from VEP be divided into six equal parts and paid to the organization in that fashion, conditioned upon performance.

6. Such action as is possible be taken within the next ten (10) days.

Randolph T. Blackwell

RTB:js

Attachment: Prospectus submitted by the First Congressional District Voter Education Project of South Carolina.

October 30, 1963

Ms. Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council
on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Ms. Spearman:

Mr. Branton has asked that I reply to your letter of October 24.

We sincerely regret having neglected to inform you of the First Congressional District meeting. We are aware of the importance of maintaining liason between the council's activities and the registration project which we support. Mr. Blackwell, our Field Director, informs me that meetings are anticipated in the fourth, fifth, and sixth congressional districts, but that definite arrangements have not yet been made, and specific times have not been scheduled. You may be assured that we will keep you informed as our plans materialize.

Thank you so much for your kind words about our newsletter. We hope eventually to get the newsletter on a regular monthly basis. We expect our next issue to be forthcoming within the next two weeks, and you are on our mailing list.

We maintain records of the results of all of our registration projects, and of course, we attemlt to secure as accurate information as possible on registration in each of the states in which we operate. In the case of South Carolina, we are using as a base figure, the estimate of the Progressive Democrats, which was made in April, 1962. To that, we have added the results of the projects which we knew about in South Carolina since then. Our present figure is 97,146. We have no

way of estimating the attrition which may result from death, migration and purge. On the other hand, we are fairly sure that considerable registration takes place of which we receive no notification. Therefore, we are only able to say that the figure quoted here is our estimate, and our opinion is that Negro registration in South Carolina is probably in excess of that figure.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

Jack Minnis
Director of Research

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Please reply

OCT 26 1963

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

October 24, 1963

Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Branton:

SCCHR gets frequent requests for the latest figures on the number of registered Negro voters in S.C. The S.C. Secretary of State tells us that the only way we can secure them is directly from chairmen of the county boards of registration. At best, this is an uncertain and cumbersome, long-drawn-out procedure.

It has occurred to me that perhaps there is nowhere in the South a more accurate and updated record of the number of registered Negroes than in your office. We shall greatly appreciate your sending us your latest figures and placing us on your mailing list to receive information and figures you send updated.

We congratulate you on your August Newsletter and are looking forward to receiving additional copies as they are issued.

In September we learned that the VEP held a meeting in Charleston for the First Congressional District of S.C. I am sure this was a fine meeting and a wonderful idea. Have you scheduled similar meetings in the other five S.C. Congressional Districts? If so, we should like to know the schedule and have your permission to attend if and when we can.

Cordially yours,

Alice N. Spearman

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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Route 1, Box 108A
Seabrook, South Carolina
November 1, 1963

Dear Co-Worker:

The First Congressional District Voter Education Project will hold its first November meeting at the home of Rev. Matthew McCollum, 303 Verdier Street, Walterboro, South Carolina on Friday evening, November 8, 1963 at 7:00 o'clock P. M.

All delegates are asked to be present to make a report of new persons registered in the district on Monday, November 4, 1963.

Sincerely,

Frieda M. Mitchell

Frieda M. Mitchell, Secretary
cc: Mr. Billy Flemming, Chairman
Mrs. Bernice Robinson, Field Worker
Rev. Matthew McCollum, Treasurer
Delegates from the nine counties in the First District
Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Mr. Randolph Blackwell

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Route 1, Box 108A
Seabrook, South Carolina
November 14, 1963

Mr. Randolph Blackwell
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the minutes of our last meeting which Mr. Flemming instructed me to mail to you. He felt that you would be interested in knowing the progress which is being made in the First Congressional District.

We registered seven hundred three (703) new persons on registration day in November. Added to our total for the month of ~~October,~~ this brings our number of new registrants up to 1,464.

Very truly yours,

Frieda R. Mitchell

Mrs. Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary
Mr. Billy Flemming, District Chairman
cc: Mr. Billy Flemming
Enclosure

Walterboro, South Carolina
November 8, 1963

The November 8th meeting of the First Congressional District Voter Education Project was held in Walterboro, South Carolina at the home of Rev. Matthew McCollum. The meeting was called to order by the District Chairman, Mr. Flemming at 7:15 P. M. Prayer was offered by Rev. McCollum and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Following is a brief summary of the reports coming from the nine counties on "The Progress of Voter Registration."

1. Allendale County - Mr. J. J. Fields

   Mr. Fields reported that 12 persons had been registered during a drive held in October and 20 on November 4. This makes a total of 32 new registrants in the county for October and November.

2. Beaufort County - Mr. James Richardson

   Mr. Richardson reported that of a total of 140 people registered in Beaufort County on November 4, 70 were Negroes.

3. Berkeley County - Mr. Samuel Weigfall

   148 persons were registered in Berkeley County on November 4. The Berkeley County Educational Association expects, through its drives, to reach a goal of 200 new registrants by November. The slogan used in the organization's campaign is "A voteless person is a hopeless person."

4. Charleston County - Mrs. Francis

   As a result of the letters sent to the pastors in Charleston County to be read to their congregations stressing voter registration,

150 persons were registered on November 4, 5, and 6.

5. Clarendon County - Mr. Flemming

The delegate from Clarendon County was absent from this meeting also due to the illness of his wife.

Mr. Flemming reported that they are ready to go to work in Clarendon County but their progress has been hindered because the funds they requested through N. A. A. C. P. have not been transmitted to their local branch. In the meantime, they have been reach-people through the Ministers. Out of a number of more than 80, 37 persons were registered. The books are opened only one day. A Voter Registration Booth was set up at the County Fair held recently in the county.

6. Colleton County - Rev. McCollum

In an effort to arouse interest in Voter registeration in Colleton County, a meeting was held and well attended by 75 persons. 100 persons were registered during the day of November 4. Rev. McCollum reported that instead of the usual method of reading a certain portion of the Constitution, the registrants were asked to write this portion and read it back.

Mr. Price, also of Colleton County, reported that they are holding meetings in the different precincts. He reported a successful meeting held in the Jonesvill Section which was attended by 68. The meeting was made more interesting by having a Bar-B-Q.

7. Dorchester County - Rev. Simmons

100 persons in Dorchester County received their registration certificates on Monday, November 4. We plan to reach a goal of 560 on this side of 1964.

To further voter registration, a workshop was held at Emanuel

Vocational School and "portable workshops" are being planned to reach the remote areas of Dorchester County. A rally is being planned to raise $1,400.00 to match the amount requested from Atlanta through VEP.

8. Hampton County - Rev. J. H. Hosey

After waiting for quite some time at the courthouse on Monday, November 4, the registrars began their work at 10:20 A. M. They said that the reason for the delay was that they had to go to Allendale to get a new book. A total of 56 persons were registered with all the precints represented except two.

9. Jasper County - Mr. Vaniel Mitchell

A list of all the pastors in Jasper County was compiled in order that it may be used in passing information to these pastors to give to the people in their churches. On November 4, 22 out of 37 persons were registered.

Mr. Mitchell called the attention of the group to a situation which exists in Jasper County at the registration office. He said that previously, three persons were registered at once since they have three registrars working, but recently they have cut the number down to one. He said that he was told by the registrars that a new law had been passed which prohibited them to register more than one at a time.

Transportation is a problem in Jasper County. Most people do not have any way of getting to and from the courthouse. It is hoped that some sort of vehicle may be purchased soon to transport the people.

Mr. Flemming asked Mr. Mitchell to have a letter written stating that he was told that a new law prohibited them from registering more than one

person. Mr. Mitchell was instructed to mail the letter to the Chairman who would try to get some action on the matter, since no one was informed of such a law.

Mrs. Robinson, Field Worker reported that she had begun visiting the different counties. She was at Moncks Corner Monday and also in Summerville with Rev. Simmons. She also visited Jasper County but was not able to locate Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Flemming said that we may expect action on the budget in the very near future. He said that he had been in contact with Mr. Blackwell's secretary by telephone and he has turned the matter over to the VEP Director, Mr. Branton.

Mr. Flemming congratulated the group on doing such a fine job even though our funds have not yet come through. He said that he feels confident that we will have an excellent program in the First Congressional District.

Mr. Flemming shared some experiences he has had in working up the Clarendon County Fair which is sponsored by Negroes. He told how the Negroes were discriminated against at the County Fair which was held each year and sponsored by another private organization. He said that Negroes bought their own property and built their own fair grounds, and in five years of operation there has been only one arrest. He also said that no sacrifice should be too great for us to make for our children since they will reap the benefits from what we are doing now.

Mr. Flemming told the group that he felt sure Mr. Blackwell would like to visit our next meeting and that he was going to ask him to do so. He also suggested that we make an extra copy of our minutes of this meeting and send it to him.

It was agreed by the group that a call meeting would be held in Walterboro at Rev. McCollum's house as soon as Mr. Flemming got an answer to our request for finance from Atlanta.

Mrs. Robinson, Field Worker, told the group that she will visit all of the nine counties in the district in the near future. Several delegates gave her dates when they would like to have her visit them.

Mr. Flemming invited us to come to his county for our next meeting on December 6, 1963 at 7:00 P. M.

A delightful repass was served by our Hostess, Mrs. Mc Collum for which we than her very much.

The meeting was dismissed by Rev. McCollum.

Mr. Billy Flemming, District Chairman
Mrs. Bernice Robinson, Field Worker
Mrs. Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary
Rev. Matthew McCollum, Treasurer

Sent to VEP by SCLC

Rec'd 12/10/63

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5248 Ridgeway St.
Columbia, S.C.
Nov. 16, 1963.

Rev. A. J. Young
334 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Rev. Young,

This report covers my work in VEP for the last three weeks.

You will note in my last report for work done in the 1st Congressional district was mainly with trying to get all of precincts on the local level in two counties. As of to-date all precincts in Jasper county have been fully organized and are doing a job in each of their immediate area.

Hampton county is not yet fully organized, but we are still at work there and hope to see it completed in the near future.

On the fourth & fifth I worked in Hampton, Jasper & Allendale counties to offer some assistance to those trying to register. The turn out on this day was not so encouraging but on the whole for the 1st district the registration was, I think reasonable.

On the 8th of Nov. at Walterboro, S.C. there was a district meeting and all counties from the 1st made their report as to what had been accomplished in each county. The total new registrants for the district was 647

I should like to add that the district is well organized that is as far as the overall district is concerned, but it seems that little attention to precincts has been given I do think local level organization is very important because this is where the mass of voters learn to hold their own in county wide precincts re-organization comes election year and 1964 is.

Rev. Young since I have been assigned to serve as field sech. in S.C. I believe it will help me quite a bit if the office would send all officers of organization in S.C. a letter advising them of the same. This probably would cause officers of various organizations in S.C. to be a little more cooperative in providing some information I need in order to have a better picture as to what is happening in VEP as far as S.C. is concerned.

I shall continue to work on the organization of precincts where ever there is county or districts already at work in V.E.P.

Respectfully yours
Benjamin J. Mack

11-25-63

order checks
Set up routine BU's
& grant file
Send instructions
+ supplies

November 18, 1963

Mr. Billie Fleming, Chairman
1st Congressional District Voter Education Project
Fleming Funeral Home
Manning, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Fleming:

This will confirm our telephone conversation on Friday in which I explained to you that VEP has withdrawn the authorization of Clarendon County registration work from NAACP and is now including it under the program of the 1st Congressional District of South Carolina. In the prospectus which your committee submitted to us on October 9, you made a request for financial support for work in the district and this budget did not include Berkeley, Charleston and Clarendon counties because of the direct grant which we had made for work in those counties at that time. We have paid the last installment of the grant for Charleston and Berkeley counties and with Clarendon County having been taken away from NAACP as explained above it means that your work must, of necessity, involve all of the counties in the 1st Congressional District.

We cannot give you anywhere near the financial support which you were seeking and we cannot support a program that will run for six months because this would run longer than our current fiscal year which expires on March 31, 1964. Depending upon the funds available during the next fiscal year it may be possible for us to continue some support in your district if satisfactory progress is being made in voter registration otherwise.

The Voter Education Project has approved a grant in the amount of $6000 for a four-month program in the 1st Congressional District of South Carolina beginning December 1, and running until March 31, 1964, and the grant will be paid to you at the rate of $1,500 per month.

Upon receipt of a check showing the name of your account and bank we will order your voucher checks printed here in Atlanta and sent to you as quickly as possible and we will arrange to pay the first installment at the time we send your vouchers checks so that you can start off under the proper accounting procedure.

In view of the fact that your registration takes place during the first week of the month I would suggest that you start working immediately so as to try to get a heavy turnout in December, and it would seem to us that you should be able to take care of any expenses which must be paid in advance of the receipt of our check with the understanding that reimbursement can be made to the proper source from the grant.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

cc: Mr. Esau Jenkins
Rev. Matthew D. McCollom

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Cong. Dist 7 S.C.
Put Cong.

October 16, 1963

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Randolph T. Blackwell

Re: The Prospectus of the First Congressional District Voter Education Project

The budget and prospectus of the First Congressional District Voter Education Project is, in my mind, out of line with what we have been doing in other areas. To honor it as presented, would be to make available sponsorship at the rate of $3,433 per month. This would be for six rather than for nine counties, in light of the fact that we have already made grants to Berkeley, Charleston, and Clarendon.

If we look at the budget more closely, however, we find that the longest request for any one of the counties is only $233 per month. These requests are in line with the thinking that developed in the Charleston meeting. The budget gets out of hand when consideration is given to the staff that would serve all of the nine counties. In this regard, it was felt by the delegates at the Charleston meeting, that this organization could make use of a full-time secretary that would travel each of the counties, checking on work being done, and helping to develop and improve programs. For this, a full-time salary would be needed. Such should be profitable to VEP, both in terms of numbers registered, as well as in terms of Field Director time saved in this area. The request for the secretary that would do this work is $2000 for six months, or $333 per month.

The budget includes a request for board members to travel to meetings and speaking engagements, for advertising, for office supplies, and secretarial help.

It appears to me that the board members could take care of their travel as their contribution to the movement. In this same vein, it would appear that such advertising as is done should come out of the sum granted to the counties.

I would not, at this point, favor the idea of an office or a paid secretary. At this point in the history of this organization, I think such would present the temptation to make of this organization a paper outfit rather than a field outfit. Some secretarial supplies would, of course, have to be purchased.

I therefore recommend that VEP make:

1. A grant of $6,400 for work across the district as set out in the proposed budget.

2. A grant of $2000 for a secretary as proposed.

3. A grant of $50 for office supplies.

And that:

4. The district organization be encouraged to supplement these grants in those areas where they feel that they need to be supplemented if the grants are accepted.

5. All monies from VEP be divided into six equal parts and paid to the organization in that fashion, conditioned upon performance.

6. Such action as is possible be taken within the next ten (10) days.

RB

Randolph T. Blackwell

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Attachment: Prospectus submitted by the First Congressional District Voter Education Project of South Carolina.

150 per mo. for 4 mos.

$8,000

6400
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PROSPECTUS
FOR
VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
FOR
THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

OCT 9 1963

THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMPRISES THE FOLLOWING NINE (9) COUNTIES, SHOWN WITH THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION GOALS AND FINANCIAL ASKINGS:

COUNTY	REGISTRATION GOAL	FINANCIAL ASKING	
ALLENDALE	750	$1,000	
BEAUFORT	1,000	1,000	
BERKELEY	500	(ASKING PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED)	
CHARLESTON	2,000	(ASKING PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED)	
CLARENDON	500	(ASKING PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED)	
COLLETON	1,000	1,000	
DORCHESTER	700	1,400	
HAMPTON	500	1,000	
JASPER	1,000	1,000	
TOTALS	7,950	6,400	6,400

OTHER EXPENSES:

TRANSPORTATION (TO BD. MEETINGS, RALLIES, ETC.	1,200
ADVERTISING (THROUGH NEWS MEDIA, ETC.)	2,000
OFFICE SUPPLIES AND SECRETARIAL HELP	5,500
FIELD SECRETARY (SALARY)	2,000
" " (TRAVEL AND PER DIEM)	2,000
" " (RENT AND UTILITIES)	1,500
TOTAL ASKING - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$20,600

AUTHORIZED TRAVEL WILL BE REIMBURSED AT THE RATE OF SEVEN (.07) CENTS PER MILE.

THE VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT WILL BE SET UP ON A SIX (6) MONTHS BASIS.

CHECKS ARE TO BE SIGNED BY THE SECRETARY AND THE TREASURER AND COUNTERSIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROJECT COMMITTEE.

FUNDS ARE TO BE DEPOSITED IN A BANK DESIGNATED BY THE COMMITTEE.

VOUCHERS ARE TO BE APPROVED BY THE CHAIRMAN BEFORE BEING HONORED FOR PAYMENT.

A FIELD SECRETARY WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN FIELD WORK WITH HIGHLANDER AND THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE HAS ALREADY MADE A COMMITMENT TO UNDERTAKE THE FIELD WORK FULL-TIME.

THOSE OF US WHO ARE SO FORTUNATE AS TO HAVE POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP IN THIS VENTURE ARE MORE THAN GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GENEROSITY OF THE VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL. WE HEREBY PLEDGE AN ALL-OUT, SINCERE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THE PROJECTED GOALS.

Willie J. Glenn
Chairman

Matthew D. McCollum
Treas.

November 26, 1963

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Randolph T. Blackwell

Re: Mrs. Bernice V. Robinson's Letter of November 22, 1963

I am a little embarrassed to see the development of the kind of problem that is building up around Mrs. Robinson's role in the First Congressional District organization, If it is a fact that the organization made promises to Mrs. Robinson of the nature that she described, it did so without our participation. And yet, it seems to me that it would be a mistake for us not to provide some help (possibly leadership) in working the matter out.

Our research design requires that we promote registration for study. This organization is different from any that we have promoted. It is ideal in some respects. Mrs. Robinson brings to the job, experience and devotion, I am confident. Research-wise, it is desirable to have two of the big civil rights organizations (NAACP and SCLC), along with human relations councils, joined together in this way.

Already, we are getting reports of people being registered. I think that this organization can become the base for building a statewise organization, given the leadership that it has. Thus, it would seem that we might so move to clear the difficulties without damaging the existing structure.

I would like to see us take care of the Field Director's salary and travel. Now might be just the time for us to encourage the group to raise the funds to take care of the other parts of the budget.

Randolph T. Blackwell

Randolph T. Blackwell
Field Director

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22 Dewey Street
Charleston, S.C. 29403
November 22, 1963

Attorney Wiley Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Attorney Branton:

I am writing in reference to the grant to be given the First Congressional District in South Carolina.

At the first meeting of the District on October 4, 1963, I was asked to be the Coordinator for the nine counties represented in the district. The group proposed a salary for me, of $2,000.00 for the duration of the grant with an allowance of $2,000.00 for travel expenses. I accepted, since the group felt that my experiences in the field of voter education would be of great value to this organization. This salary was far below the present salary I was receiving from the Highlander Center, which was $6,500.00 a year with travel being paid at ten cents a mile and all other expenses taken care of by the Center, yet, I resigned this positions, feeling that I would prefer using my experience for the betterment of my own home state, knowing too, that this field is the most important in our struggle today. Even if it meant lower pay, I would benefit from knowing that I had played a part in the progress of my own home state. Then too, covering nine counties and each precinct in these counties would require full time.

Now I understand, through Mr. Esau Jenkins, that the grant for the entire project is only $6,000.00. This means that there is no salary for a Coordinator. Am I right in assuming this fact? I talked with the chairman, Mr. Fleming and he is suppose to get in touch with you but I would have to know something definite immediately, since I am now unemployed, thinking that I would be working with the District.Organization.

I would like very much to give full support to this organization but unfortunately, I am like most adults, have the responsibilities of keeping a home and family, therefore cannot afford to donate my time.

Please let me know exactly where this matter stands, as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bernice V. Robinson

cc: Mr. Billy Fleming

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Route 1, Box 108A
Seabrook, South Carolina
December 2, 1963

Dear Co-Worker:

Our regular District Meeting will be held at the home of the District Chairman, Mr. Billie Flemming on Friday, December 6, 1963 at 7:00 o'clock P. M.

All delegates are asked to please be present with their reports. We would like to make this meeting as interesting as the previous ones we have had. The Field Director of VEP, Mr. Blackwell from Atlanta is expected to be present at this important meeting.

Mr. Flemming's home is located on Boyce Street in Manning opposite the high school.

Yours truly,

Frieda R. Mitchell

Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary
First Congressional District Voter Education Project

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S.C. [redacted] Charleston. Voter Reg. Meeting - 1st Cong. Dist.

12-11-63

December 4, 1963

Mr. Billie Fleming, Chairman
1st Congressional District Voter Education Project
Fleming Funeral Home
Manning, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I am in receipt of a letter dated November 22, from Mrs. Bernice Robinson in which she states that your organization hired her as coordinator for the 1st Congressional District and agreed to pay her a salary of $2000 and travel expenses in the amount of $2000 "for the duration of the grant." Now first of all, there has been no grant other than the grant which I verbally informed you of in our telephone conversation on November 15 and confirmed in writing on November 18 and it is difficult for me to understand how any agreement could have been reached regarding salaries or anything else until you knew whether or not we were going to make a grant and then, for how much.

We do not like to become involved in matters of personnel or salary with respect to the participating agencies if we can possibly avoid it, and we think that this is something which you and your committee should work out with Mrs. Robinson. The grant which we have approved is for $6000 for a four-month period effective as of November 15, 1963, and your committee should decide what part of this grant, if any, you wish to use for the payment of salary or travel expenses for a coordinator. I would assume that your group plans to raise some money in each county where you will be working and these funds should be used to supplement the $6000 grant which we are making.

You told me that you would ask Rev. McCollom to send me a blank check showing the name of the bank and of the account, as well as the account number so that we might have voucher checks printed which would also bear the electronic code, but as of this date we have heard nothing further from you and the blank check has not yet been received.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
cc: Mrs. Bernice Robinson

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Manning, South Carolina

December 6, 1963

The December 6th meeting of the First Congressional District Voter Education Project was held at the home of the Chairman, Mr. Billie Flemming in Manning, South Carolina. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:45 P. M. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The group was elated as well as inspired to see Mr. Blackwell and to have him present at this meeting. Mr. Flemming recognized Mr. Blackwell's presence before we got into the business part of our meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Everyone present was eager to know the outcome of the request for financial aid from Voter Education Project in Atlanta for District 1. Mr. Flemming read a letter which came from the project director in Atlanta in which he stated that he could not honor the budget in the amount we requested. Mr. Brnaton stated in his letter that the amount of six thousand dollars($6,000) would be given to the First District to be used for the benefit of the nine counties (Charleston, Berkeley and Clarendon counties are to be included). The letter further stated that the amount of six thousand dollars would be given to the first District $1500 per month for the duration of the period.

The group agreed that a field worker is needed badly to coordinate the work in the District and assist the committees in the various counties with their problems in getting people registered. It was decided that we maintain a full-time paid Field Worker for the First District. Mr. Flemming, Mrs. Robinson and Rev. McCellum were to meet and decide on a satisfactory salary for Mrs. Robinson before our next meeting.

Several delegates stated that they had made certain committments in their counties and were expecting some financial aid from the organization. Since they

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were expecting financial aid fromthe organization, some of them had stretched out over a wider area in their local organizations. Mr. Mitchell from Jasper County and Rev. Hosey from Hampton County said that they had promised the local leaders in their counties that they would be paid for the expense of taking registrants and and from the courthouse. There was much discussion on the question of finance and nothing definite was settled as far as the nine counties are concerned. Mr. Flemming said that we would have to keep some money in the treasuary to pay the expense of the secretary for supplies etc.

In reply to a letter sent to Mr. Flemming by Mr. Mitchell of Jasper county regarding a new policy of registering only one person at a time, Mr. Flemming stated that he did not contact Mr. Kennedy directly because of the death of his brother in Washington, but he contacted Att. Matthew J. Perry who is the Chief Counseler for NAACP of South Carolina and he informed him that there is no such law on the books. He stated that the matter would be cleared up in Jasper County right away.

Since so much time was spent on discussing the budget, the delegates only gave a partial report. They reported the following new registrants for the month of December:

Jasper County	32
Allendale County	15
Beaufort County	57
Berkeley County	60
Charleston County	No report
Colleton County	105
Clarendon County	17
Dorchester County	43
Hampton County	38
Total for December	367

Mr. Blackwell commended the organization on the remarkable progress that has been made over a short period of time. He said he feels that the First Congressional District is among the leaders in voter registration.

Mr. Mack made several remarks and he said that he felt we had done a wise thing in having a field worker to hold the district together. He said that the failure in the Second Congressional District was due largely to not having a coordinator.

Mr. A . S. Brown of Beaufort County invited the group to attend an Emancipation Day celebration at St. Helena Island. Guest speaker for the occasion is to be Mr. Blackwell.

The delegate from Beaufort County invited the group to come to Penn Center for the next meeting on January 10, 1964.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Simmons.

After the meeting we were entertained at Mr. Flemming's home by him and his wife with delicious grilled hamburgers and all the trimmings.

Mr. Billie Flemming, Chairman
First Congressional District VEP

Rev. Matthew McCollum, Treasurer

Mrs. Bernice Robinson, Field Worker

Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary

Sent with SCLC report 2-24

Rec'd 3/18/64

5248 Ridgeway St.
Columbia, S.C.
December 9, 1963

Rev. Andrew J. Young
334 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Rev. Young,

Work in VEP in the first congressional district is progressing steadily. Nothing phenomenal is happening but we do feel that some accomplishments are being made each week.

I am sending with this report a partail list of some of the things we are doing for your evaluation. From these you can see that we are striving to get right down to the root in training new registrants in the value of the use of the ballot as well as getting it. This is being done by precinct organizations and learning how they operate here in South Carolina.

We have made plans to begin next week on special training in some areas for persons we hope to have

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working at the polls in the next primary; and possibly a few who will run for some offices. These are being taken from areas that show the best chance for a carry through, or at least the making of a very good showing.

In these planned clinics we will discuss such things as rules and regulations for poll operations - administration of the ballot by machine or otherwise.

This does not mean we have let down on community canvassing for we have not, but we are attempting to carry out a program that will enable Negroes who get the ballot to be able to participate in the running of the complete machinery of his local government, if and when the chance presents itself.

This months registration in the first district was not as high as last, however we did go over 400. We had quite a number who failed to pass the literacy test and of course we were able to appoint or have them appointed to the nearest citizenship school in their area. Unfortunately some of them came from areas where there is no class by S.C.L.C or Mr. Esau Jenkins.

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Consequently you can see that in this case some time must be given to getting schools established.

Again we are having some difficulties in transportation especially in Jasper County. Many of those who had their cars pledged did not come through for one reason or another.

Even at that, all who went did not get waited on. There are three peasons in the office at Jasper & Hampton yet they will only allow one person in at a time and keep that one for longer than we feel necessary for he or she to pass or fail to qualify. This situation was worse in December than November.

I am pleased to report that because of this the district chairman, through Attorney Perry is taking the matter up with the state attorney general. Mr. Fleming promised to have information as to what has been done in our hand before the next registration day.

Any suggestions from you as to what has been done, and is being done in this drive will be greatly appreciated

Very respectfully yours,
Benjamin J. Mack

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December 12, 1963

Mrs. Bernice V. Robinson
22 Dewey Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Re VEP 3-29

Under separate cover we are mailing you today the instructions and forms you will need for financial reporting to VEP on the subject grant. You will notice that financial reporting is to be made to this office weekly and we will, therefore, expect your reporting to begin on December 20. We have ordered your voucher checks printed today and as soon as they arrive we will forward them to you. In order that you will not have to wait for their arrival we would suggest that you insert a carbon behind ordinary bank checks (please number) and mail these carbons to us until your voucher checks arrive.

Our progress reporting instructions will be sent to you within a few days.

If we can assist you in any way or clarify any point of instruction for you, please do not hesitate to write us.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

RETURN THIS COPY TO VEP

Receipt acknowledged this 14
day of December 1963.
SIGNED:

DEC 16 1963

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

December 12, 1963

Mr. Billie Fleming, Chairman
First Congressional District
Voter Education Project
Fleming Funeral Home
Manning, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Re VEP 3-29

Pursuant to our letter to you of November 18, 1963, and supplemental information given to us by our Field Director, Mr. Randolph Blackwell, we have now approved a grant for a voter education project in the amount of $6,035 for work in the First Congressional District of South Carolina. We have added $35.00 to the original amount at the request of Mr. Blackwell in order that you may cover the cost of the printing of your voucher checks.

This program is to run for a period of four months from December 1, 1963 and your funds will be paid to you at the rate of $1500 per month. The first installment will be for $1,535 and as soon as we have the statement on the printing cost of the checks we will bill you so that you can refund to us the cost of your checks.

No part of these funds may be used to support partisan politics inaany manner whatsoever, nor to influence registration of any kind, nor on behalf of or against any political candidate. We are enclosing a copy of a statement of the conditions which we impose upon all VEP grants.

Since Mrs. Robinson will be directing your project we will write her concerning the kinds of reports which we will want each month.

Enclosed is our initial check in the amount of $1,535. This check should be deposited in the special account you are setting up and should be kept separate and apart from any other funds coming to your organization.

You are requested to please acknowledge receipt of this check and your understanding of the terms and conditions of this grant by signing the enclosed carbon copy of this letter and returning it to us at once. All future installments will be sent direct to your treasurer.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc. 3

December 17, 1963

Mrs. Bernice V. Robinson
22 Dewey Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Re VEP 3-29

We are sending, under separate cover, the forms necessary for progress reporting on the subject grant. The design of these forms (Forms 2 and 4) is self-explanatory. Please note that Form 2 should not contain estimates. We are interested in actual numerical count of each of the items about which we request information.

As to your financial reporting, if your checks are to be written by the Rev. McCollom then it would seem to me that it would be fairly simple for him to mail us our copies of the voucher checks at the end of each week together with the financial report, or he can mail the checks to you so that you can prepare the financial report and forward immediately to us. We leave this up to the two of you to work out, but we should be advised as to what we can expect.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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cc: The Rev. Matthew McCollom

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The Beaufort Gazette 1/2/64

Registration Books Open Jan. 6, 7, 8th.

F. B. Webb, chairman of the Board, has issued an appeal to eligible voters in the county to add their names to registration books.

Mr. Webb said the books will be open Jan. 6, 7 and 8 at the county court house from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"At least 40 per cent of the county population eligible to vote has not registered," Mr. Webb said. "With the County Democratic Primary coming up in June, the need for these citizens to register is urgent."

Mr. Webb added that Negroes have literally flocked to the polls over the past three months, adding their names to the books at a rate of three-to-one over white registrants.

"Up until that time registration was at a stand still," he until now registration had pointed out.
been limited to the first Monday in every month, but Mr. Webb said that in view of the coming primary, the books would be opened more frequently.

According to official tabulations, 88 new voters, 68 of whom were Negroes, were added to the books in October. This represented a Negro turnout of nearly four to one over whites.

There was no registration in September since the first Monday fell on Labor Day and the books were closed. By comparison only 15 persons registered in August.

Mr. Webb said that while exact figures on November and December registrations were not immediately available, the ratio continued to be about three Negroes for every white person.

He said Negroes now represent well over 30 per cent of the total county vote and that the number of white citizens in the county qualified to vote but not on the registration books number in the thousands.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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COURTNEY SICELOFF

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

JAN 6 1964

Route 1, Box 108 A
Seabrook, South Carolina
January 2, 1964

Dear Co-Worker:

Realizing the importance of registering and voting in all parts of our country, we, of the First Congressional District are determined to make outstanding progress in voter registration in 1964.

Our next district meeting will be held on historical St. Helena Island at Penn Center on Friday evening, January 10, 1964. The Beaufort County Voters League would like to have you leave early enough to be a guest for supper which will be served at 6:00 P. M.

We wish that more of you could have been present at the Emancipation Proclamation Celebration on January first at St. Helena High School to witness a very stirring speech by our Field Director, Mr. Randolphh Blackwell. He said many things that will spur the people of this area onward in their struggle.

Looking forward to seeing you in Beaufort County at Penn Center on January 10th.

Sincerely,

Frieda R. Mitchell

Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary
First Congressional District VEP

VEP 3:-29

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RB✓
LG✓
JS✓
JL✓

Frogmore, South Carolina

January 10, 1964

The January 10th meeting of the First Congressional District Voter Education Project was held in the Butler Building at Penn Center. The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:30 P. M. Devotions were led by Rev. Lewis Simmons of Dorchester County.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted after one correction was made. The meeting held with Mr. Flemming, Mrs. Robinson and Rev. McCollom was to discuss travel expense for Mrs. Robinson instead of salary as read.

A brief report was given by Mr. A. J. Brown on the Emancipation Celebration held in Beaufort County on January 1, 1964. He gave some highlights on the address made by Mr. Blackwell who was the guest speaker. Mr. Flemming and Rev. McCollom said that that was one of the largest celebrations they had ever heard of in the state.

The following report came from the nine counties in the district:

Allendale	10
Beaufort	110
Berkeley	No report
Charleston	39
Clarendon	27
Colleton	97
Dorchester	25
Hampton	21
Jasper	55
TOTAL	384

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After the delegate from Clarendon County stated in his report that only 27 out of 72 were registered in that county, the question of "why" came up. Again Mr. Flemming stated that the registrars deliberately use methods to disqualify Negroes. Mr. Boyd said that we must remember that the white population of that county is still resentful because the suit which brought about the 1954 supreme court decision was filed by Clarendon County.

The delegatesfrom Jasper County reported that they had a successful registration without any incidents. In the excitement of the registrars, they even registered a teen-ager.

Mr. A. J. Brown of St. Helena wanted to know the views od some of the members of the district on the Civil Rights Bill and the chances of its passing the Senate. It was the general consensus of the group that the bill would be passed after the expected southern filibuster.

Mr. Flemming announced a program to be held in Greenville, South Carolina on February 16, 1964, sponsored by Mr. John Bolt Culbertson of that city. Proceeds from this program will be given to the family of the late Medger Evers and the four children who perished in the bombing of the church in Birmingham. Featured at this program will be Jackie Robinson, Negro Baseball player who has been elected to the Hall of Fame.

Rev. McCollom announced that a VEP meeting will be held at the Masonic Temple in Columbia on February 12, 1964 at 2:00 o'clock P. M. Wiley Branton, Chief Director of VEP will be present and will speak. Each Congressional District will be expected to make a report on their progress with voter registration.

Mr. Jenkins asked the chairman how much of the money which was given to the district from Atlanta would be used by each county individually. This question brought about much discussion from the group. According to the report read by the treasurer of the organization, there was enough money left of the grant to give each county seventy-five dollars ($75.00) after the other expenses

had been paid. Mr. Flemming told the delegates that the money was to be spent in whichever way that would be decided by the local organizations represented, but that a complete report would have to be made to the treasurer so that he can make his report to Atlanta. Each delegate was given a form on which to make his financial report. They were asked to fill these forms and send them to Rev. McCollom not later than Monday, January 13.

It was decided by the group that each county would take care of the Field Secretary's food and lodging when she is in that particular county. When she was needed to assist with the work, she would be notified by the county.

Rev. Hosey invited the group to come to Hampton County for the next meeting on February 7.

Prior to the meeting, the group was entertained at supper by the Beaufort County Voters League.

Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary
Mr. Billie Flemming, Chairman
First Congressional District VEP

1-24-64

January 17, 1964

Mr. Billie Fleming, Chairman
First Congressional District
Voter Education Project
Fleming Funeral Home
Manning, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Fleming:

In Mr. Branton's letter to you of December 12, he informed you that you would receive installments of $1500 a month for the period your project ran. This was, of course, contingent upon your being in full compliance with the reporting requirements we imposed upon your project.

In Mr. Branton's letter to Mrs. Robinson of December 17, he informed her that we should be advised as to what arrangements were made between her and the Rev. McCollom regarding who would be writing the checks for your project. We have not received a reply on this, nor have we received any financial reporting to date.

In my letter to you of January 4, I requested reimbursement to us of the cost of your check printing ($33.56) and we have not received this check.

Rec'd 1-17-64

Would you kindly submit all of the above information and data to this office within the next week so that we can send you your next installment. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

P.S. We are about due also to receive your next progress report.

BILLIE S. FLEMING

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Manning, S. C.

WINNSBORO BLUE
GRANITE MONUMENTS

16 January, 1964

Rec'd 1-17-64

Mrs Jean Levine
VEP Room 206
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs Levine:

We met in Frogmore, South Carolina last Friday evening and instructed Mrs Bernice Robinson to get her report in to your office at once. It seems that Mr. Branton instructed Mrs Robinson to make these reports in one letter and Rev. McCollom to make it in another letter. Mrs Robinson thought that he was to do it and he thought that she was to do it. In the future, she will keep them current.

Enclosed herein is the check for printing cost. Given to RHA 1-17-64

Very truly yours,

Billie S. Fleming

1-10-64

January 4, 1963

Mr. Billie Fleming, Chairman
First Congressional District
Voter Education Project
Fleming Funeral Home
Manning, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Fleming:

We have received the invoice for the check printing we had done for your project and it breaks down as follows:

Printing Cost	$32.55
Tax	1.01
	$33.56

Will you be kind enough to have a check written to the Voter Education Project to reimburse us for the cost of this check printing.

May I also ask that you call to Mrs. Robinson's attention the fact that we have not as yet received any financial accounting from her on your project and since this is to be received weekly, according to Mr. Branton's letter to her of December 17, it is a little overdue at this time.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

December 17, 1963

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22 Dewey Street
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Wiley A. Branton

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cc: The Rev. Matthew McCollom

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22 Dewey Street
Charleston, S.C. 29403
January 21, 1964

JAN 22 1964

Attorney Wiley Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Atty. Branton:

I am writing you to inform you that I will not be working as Field Secretary for the First Congressional District Voter Education Project after January 31, 1964. However, I will be able to give support to their program since I have been assigned to this District, under the S.C.L.C.'s Citizenship Teacher Training Program.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Bernice V. Robinson

Mrs. Bernice V. Robinson

cc: Billie Fleming

VEP 3-29

January 22, 1964

The Rev. Mathew McCollum
303 Verdier Street
Walterboro, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCollum:

Re VEP 3-29

The enclosed check in the amount of $1500.00 represents the second installment toward the VEP 3-29 grant.

Thank you for the financial reporting which we received earlier this week.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

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Route 1, Box 108 A
Seabrook, South Carolina
January 29, 1964

Dear Co-Worker:

The February meeting of the First Congressional District Voter Education Project will be held in Scotia, South Carolina on Friday, February 7, 1964 at 7:00 o'clock P. M. The meeting will be held at Hope Well C. M. E. Church.

All representatives from the nine counties in the District will be expected to attend this important meeting.

Mr. Flemming has asked me to remind you of the contribution which he mentioned at the meeting on December 10. As you recall, Mr. Flemming told us of the program which will be held in Greenville, South Carolina on February 16, proceeds of which will go to the families of the late Medger Evers and the four children who parished in the church bombing in Alabama.

You may wish to ask your local organization to make a contribution as well as making personal contribution.

For those of you who are not familiar with the location for the next meeting: If you will go to the small town of Estill, anyone will direct you to Scotia. It is nine miles away from Estill.

Yours truly,

Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary

P. S. Checks may be made payable to John Bolt Culbertson.

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25 Febuary, 1964

Mrs Barbara I. Whitaker
5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Re: VEP 3-29

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

Thank you very much for your letter of Febuary 19, 1964. We shall try to keep you informed on the activities here in our District.

The only reason that Berkeley Countywas left out of the report was that their Chairman did not have a report to make for that County at our meeting. He was there, but did not have a report.

Very truly yours,

Billie S. Fleming

February 19, 1964

Mr. Billie Fleming
Fleming Funeral Home
Manning, South Carolina

RE: VEP 3-29

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Thank you for the narrative report on your activities received in this office on February 6.

In going over this report, we discovered that Berkeley county was not included. Would you please let us know the reason for this exclusion?

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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Rec'd 2/26/64

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Dale Elementary School
Dale, South Carolina
February 27, 1964

Mr. Randolph Blackwell
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia

FEB 27 1964

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

This record is being sent to you for your information.

We hope that all is going well with you in your work.

Very truly yours,

Frieda R. Mitchell

Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary
First Congressional District VEP

Scotia, South Carolina
February 7, 1964

The First Congressional District meeting was held at Hope Well C. M. E. Church , Scotia, South Carolina, Hampton County on February 7, 1964.

Devotions were led by the Host, Rev. J. Hosey.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The following report of new registrants was made:

COUNTY	REGISTERED	REJECTED
Allendale -	14	1
Beaufort	30	0
Berkeley -	24	
Charleston	No report	
Clarendon	11	
Colleton -	105	
Dorchester -	19	0
Hampton -	7	
Jasper -	46	6
Total	256	

Several delegates related various problems that they had encountered at the registration board. Mr. Flemming said he feels that at this point, we have enough complaints to send a letter to the Attorney General and the Governor of our state. He told the delegates to list their complaints and send them to him and he, in turn, would write a letter to the Attorney General.

In the absence of Mrs. Frances, Mr. Esau Jenkins of Charleston spoke for the county. He said that the people of Charleston have been having a problem since the place of registration was changed. They are also having trouble with

transportation.

Rev. Barker of Jasper County asked the question: "How may Negroes go about getting employed at the registration board and as poll watchers?" Mr. Flemming answered this by saying that the registrars are appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the Senator. He also suggested that Negroes who hope to be hired in such capacities show more interest in their local organization by attending precinct meetings and taking more active part in local activities. It is lawful in all counties of the state that precinct meetings are held on the 4th Saturday in February unless stated otherwise by the local organization.

Mr. Flemming told the group that the work being done with voter registration in the First Congressional District is very outstanding among 17 states . It is felt that the results of the money being spent by VEP in Atlanta are most satisfactory in the First Congressional District.

Mr. Flemming told the group that our Field Worker, Mrs. Robinson is no longer working with Voter Education Project, but she has been transferred to S. C. L. C. Mr. Flemming said he had the understanding that Mrs. Robinson would still be working with the First District but her work would be under the supervision of S. C. L. C. This was confirmed by a letter from Mrs. Robinson to Rev. McCollom in which she stated that she would be in touch with us in about two weeks. Along with this letter Mrs. Robinson included an expense account for the sum of 95.78. This sum included salary for the week of January 25-31.

After hearing that Mrs. Robinson is no longer employed by us, several questions in regard to the salary which we were paying her came up for discussion. Some felt that we should hire someone else to replace Mrs. Robinson and others felt differently. The majority ruled that for this month, we divide the money we paid Mrs. Robinson for salary equally among the 9 counties to assist them financially.

This gave each county the sum of one hundred forty-four dollars ($144.00). This was done for February only. It would be decided in the next meeting what would be done for the month of March.

The delegates were asked to bring their reports ready at the next meeting.

Mr. Esau Jenkins invited the group to come to Charleston for the March meeting.

Mr. Flemming asked for donations for the program sponsored by Mr. John Belt Culbertson in Greenville on February 16. The sum of sixteen dollars $16.00 was collected from the group. Mr. Cleaver B. Johnson of Beaufort County reported one hundred three dollars which had been sent from Beaufort County. A check was included in this amount from the Beaufort County Voters League.

Place of next meeting:

41 Cannon Street
Charleston, S. C.
Time: March 6, 1964 at 7:30 P. M.

A delightful snack was served by members of Rev. Hosey's church. The meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Billie Flemming, Chairman

Mrs. Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary

S.C VEP 3-29

Registration Board Being Kept Busy

Feb. '64

Since the first of the year the Colleton County Registration Board has been kept very busy issuing registration certificates. Through last Wednesday 256 residents had been registered. Of this number 195 were Negroes. As this is an election year the Board meets for the first three days in January and February.

According to Board Chairman L. P. Jordan Jr., the board will be open for the first Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of every month with the exception of May and August. In May the board will be open daily until 30 days before the primary, when it will close. Under state laws registration certificates must be at least 30 days old.

The state law also provides that in an election year the registration board shall visit incorporated towns or cities in the county.

Members of the board besides Mr. Jordan are Mrs. Annie Strickland and Harris Harrison.

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Charleston, South Carolina

March 6, 1964

On March 6, 1964, the First Congressional District Voter Education Project met at the Voter Registration Center, 41 Cannon Street, Charleston, South Carolina for its regular meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M.; minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Our Chairman, Mr. Flemming, expressed disappointment because the delegates failed to send in their complaints from the various counties in form of letters as they were requested to do at the last meeting. Mr. Flemming said that he met with the Civil Rights Commission and he had a real opportunity to report the adverse treatment that some of our people had experienced at the registration board, but because he did not have these complaints written and signed, he really could not do much about reporting the matter. The only such report he had was that of Mr. Mitchell of Jasper County which had been submitted earlier.

Mr. Flemming asked Mr. Weigfall of Berkeley County to make his narrative report for the month of January. Mr. Weigfall said that he would send in this report to the secretary so that it could be mailed to the office in Atlanta.

Rev. McCollom told the group that he feels we should make more detailed reports to the office in Atlanta of our activities in the different counties aside from the minutes and a financial report. He said he had learned that some other districts are even sending in the names, addresses and certificate numbers of the new registrants. He said he feels that we should say something about the Citizenship Training Classes that are being held in the district, and that the office in Atlanta should be furnished with the names and addresses of the officers in all of the organized precincts in the district. Everyone agreed to do this. Some forms were passed out to the delegates to be filled in and turned in along with the other reports. These forms will show more detailed reports of voter registration in the counties.

New Registrants for the Month of March:

COUNTY	REGISTERED	REJECTED
Allendale	20	3
Beaufort	160	2
Berkeley	26	0
Charleston	82	0
Clarendon	32	
Colleton	93	
Dorchester	27	
Hampton	51	25
Jasper	24	12
Total	515	

Rev. McCollom, in his reported, stated that the balance left from the allowance given to Colleton County last month after the county expense had been paid was spent in sponsoring a new program with the youth. In this program 30 high school students took a briefing on how to approah and persuade people to register. Eighteen of these young people carried on a "door-knock" campaign for about one hour on a Wednesday afternoon and got 57 persons to promise to register during the next period. The 18 youth who participated appreciated the new experience. Those contacted gained a new image of our youth. Refreshments were served after the briefing sessions and the canvass. Transportation was furnished for those who indicated that they needed it. They youth who participated were enthusiastic about the program and the opportunity to serve. They were pleased with the response and they will go out again.

Mrs. Robinson discussed her status as being Field Supervisor for the First Congressional District under S. C. L. C. She will be available to assist in setting up citizenship training classes in the district.

Discussion of Funds: The month of March ends the period of four months under which Voter Education Project was being sponsored by VEP Headquarters in Atlanta.

Rev. McCollom was asked to submit a budget request to the office in Atlanta for an additional four-month period.

The allotment for the month was divided equally ten ways; the nine counties in the district and operational expense for the district office. Each received one hundred fifty dollars ($150.00). In some cases, this exceeded the amount of the voucher rendered by some of the counties and in other cases it was less. Delegates were instructed to show on the next month's report how the excess fund was spent.

Mr. Flemming asked the delegates to hold the checks until the following Monday because the funds were late coming from Atlanta. Mr. Flemming was assured in a telephone conversation that the check would reach the district by Monday.

Several delegates who attended their local precinct meetings and County Democratice Conventions made brief reports. Mr. Tom Barnwell reported that two Negroes from Beaufort County were elected as delegates to the State Democratic Convention to be held in Columbia, South Carolina on March 25. Three Negroes from Charleston and two from Hampton Counties are also attending the State Convention. This makes a total of seven from the First Congressional District.

Mr. Flemming thanked the group for responding so well when they were asked to contribute toward the funds raised in Greenville on February 16 for the widow of the late Medgar Evers and the Birmingham Four. He said that he reported four hundred thrity nine dollars ($439.00) toward the total of two thousand dollars ($2,000) which were raised that Sunday. Mr. Cleaver B. Johnson of Beaufort County reported twelve dollars ($12.00) more toward the fund.

Our next meeting will be held in Ridgeland, South Carolina at New Zion Baptist Church on April 10, 1964, 7:30 P. M.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. McCollom.

The meeting was adjourned.

A delightful refreshment was served after the meeting.

Mr. Billie Flemming. Chairman
Mrs. Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary

March 6, 1964

AIR MAIL

The Rev. Mathew McCollum
303 Verdier Street
Walterboro, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCollum: Re VEP 3-29

The enclosed check in the amount of $1500 represents the third installment toward your grant and was not received by you last month due purely to an oversight on our part. We are sorry that this happened. Mr. Blackwell called it to our attention yesterday and Mr. Fleming phoned us this afternoon.

Your next and final installment toward this grant is due on or about March 15, and will be sent to you then contingent, of course, to Mr. Branton's satisfaction with progress, and progress and financial reporting.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

enc. 1

cc: Mr. Billie Fleming

COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB
Post Office Box 7
Walterboro, South Carolina

MARCH 11, 1964

MAR 13 1964

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
MR. WILEY BRANTON, DIRECTOR
5 FORSYTH, N.W., ROOM 206
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

DEAR MR. BRANTON:

THE VOTER DEUCATION PROJECT OF THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA HAS HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL REGISTRATION DRIVE IN THE PAST FOUR (4) MONTHS, MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR GRANT OF $6,000 FOR THE PERIOD COMPRISING THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH.

WE HEREBY REQUEST A FOUR (4) MONTH EXTENSION OF OUR GRANT OF $6,000 AS WE ARE ENTERING WHAT PROMISES TO BE OUR MOST FRUITFUL SEASON.

WE PROPOSE TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

ALLENDALE COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE	$600
BEAUFORT COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE	600
BERKELEY COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE	600
CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF CHARLESTON COUNTY	600
CLARENDON COUNTY - MANNING BRANCH N A A C P	600
COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB	600
DORCHESTER COUNTY - G.W. CARVER VOTERS LEAGUE	600
HAMPTON COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE	600
JASPER COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE	600
FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT V E P	600
TOTAL	$6,000

THE V E P ADMINISTERED BY YOUR OFFICE IS A GODSEND TO THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM ACROSS THE SOUTH.

FOR THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA V E P, I AM

VERY TRULY YOURS,
M. D. McCollom
M.D. MCCOLLOM, TREASURER

VEP 3-29

March 4, 1964

3 months

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT!

March — Sept.

Counties: Chester, Cherokee, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Lancaster, Kershaw, York.

I. Expenses:

1. Traveling over seven Counties in the fifth District	$ 1000.00
2. For Coordernator of the Fifth District . . .	1800.00
3. Secretarial help, Stamps, Stencils, Stationary - -	600.00
4. Educational, Promotional and Speakers	600.00
Total	$ 4000.00

Budget Request For

The Third Congressional District of South Carolina

March - November Voter Registration Campaign

Abbeville County	$ 200.00
Anderson "	400.00
Edgefield "	300.00
Greenwood "	400.00
McCormick "	200.00
Newberry "	300.00
Oconee "	200.00
Pickens "	200.00
Saluda "	300.00
Coordinators' (2) stipend	2000.00
Clerical help and office rent and supplies	1600.00
total	$6,100.00

Remit to J. R. McLain
c/o Colored High School
Edgefield, S.C.

Charlie S. Daniel
110 N-Bauknight Ferry Rd.
Saluda, S.C.

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March 12, 1964

Mr. Billie Fleming
Fleming Funeral Home
Manning, South Carolina

RE: VEP 3-29

Dear Mr. Fleming :

Thank you for your letter of March 4. We will be looking forward to hearing the results of your meeting after the reports have been turned in.

We would like to call your attention to the fact that we have not received a Charleston report for the month of February. Perhaps it will be possible to include this in your report on complaints and problems.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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4 March, 1964

Mrs. Barbara I. Whitaker
5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

Your letter dated Febuary 28, 1964 received. Thank you very much for same.

As you saw from the Minutes of our last Meeting, I asked for each County to give me a report on their problems. So far, I have reports from only one County. I have been before the Civil Rights Commission since that time, but since I did not have that information, I was unable to report any area other than Clarendon County.

We meet in Charleston Friday night. At that time, I shall be most happy to bring this matter up again and get action on it at once. We shall give you a report on it is the near future.

Very truly yours,

Billie S. Fleming

Billie S. Fleming

February 28, 1964

Mr. Billie Fleming
Fleming Funeral Home
Manning, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Fleming:

In the minutes of your meeting of February 9, Mrs. Mitchell indicated several delegates related problems encountered at the Registrar's office. She further stated that you had asked the delegations to list the complaints and forward them to you. Since we are concerned with problems which might deter registration, may we request a copy of this list?

Thank you for your prompt reply to our most recent letter.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

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March 21, 1964

The Rev. M. D. McCollom
P.O. Box 423
Walterboro, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCollom:

I have just realized that in your letter to me of March 10, you reported the fact that all checks were issued by your project at your regular monthly meetings and that this was the reason you had not been reporting weekly.

Since this is the case we are marking our records accordingly to expect monthly financial reports from you. The fourth and final installment of your grant in the amount of $1500 will be paid you upon receipt of your next financial report which, according to the pattern of your past reporting we will expect within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

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March 12, 1964

The Rev. BM D. McCollom
P.O. Box 423
Walterboro, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCollom:

Thank you for your letter of March 10, and for the explanation of the gap in the numbering of your voucher check series. It will not be necessary for you to send cancelled checks or bank statements on this bank account.

We were not questioning the use of your voucher checks, merely making sure we were in agreement of our understanding - that carbons of all voucher checks should eventually reach us. And according to your letter that will be the case.

Thank you again for the explanation.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

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Walterboro District
The Methodist Church
P. O. BOX 423 PHONE 549-2077
WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA

MARCH 10, 1964

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MISS JEAN LEVINE, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
5 FORSYTH STREET, N.W., ROOM 206
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

DEAR MISS LEVINE:

YOU ARE CORRECT IN YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 9 WHEN YOU STATE THAT THE VOUCHER CHECKS ALREADY USED BY US ARE JUMBLED SO FAR AS THEIR NUMBERS ARE CONCERNED. THE TRUTH IS THAT I UNTHINKINGLY CHOSE A HANDFUL OF CHECKS AT RANDOM AS I STARTED TO OUR MEETING WITHOUT EVEN THINKING OF THEIR NUMBER SEQUENCE. YOU WILL NOTE THAT IN OUR FIRST REPORTING THE CHECKS ARE DATED 1 - 10 - 1964--WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CHECK WITH WHICH WE REIMBURSED YOUR OFFICE FOR PRINTING THE CHECKS. WE ISSUE ALL CHECKS IN OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS, THEREFORE WE HAVE NOT MADE WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORTS.

I HAVE ALL CHECKS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ISSUED, AND YOU HAVE CARBONS OF THOSE THAT HAVE. I CAN HAVE THE BANK TO SEND YOU DIRECTLY THE CANCELLED CHECKS IF YOU WISH, AND I WILL BRING OR SEND TO YOU THE REST OF THE CHECKS, WHATEVER YOU SUGGEST. I SHALL BE HAPPY TO PROVE THAT NO HANKY-PANKY IS BEING PRACTICED. AND I SHOULD NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF IF I INADVERTENTLY JEOPARDIZED OUR VERY SUCCESSFUL VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT--WHICH IS MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR GRANT.

YOURS TRULY,

M. D. McCollom

M.D. MCCOLLOM

CC: MR. B. FLEMING

March 9, 1964

The Rev. Mathew McCollum
303 Verdier Street
Walterboro, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCollum:

Re VEP 3-29

A question has arisen with regarding to financial reporting on your project which we feel would best be settled before we get too far along in order to avoid complications later.

We have received two sets of financial reporting from your project so far and there is a decided gap in the check numbers from the two reportings. Specifically, the first reporting began with the first voucher check in the series, 0001 and ran through 0011. Then in the second reporting the series jumped to the 0200's. Therefore, what we have now is a situation where all checks from 0012 through 0255 (inclusive) are missing, as well as 0258, 0259, 0260, 0263, and 0264. We are going to have to have carbons from all checks in your series and wonder if you would explain the gap now and furnish us with the missing checks as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

cc: Mr. Billie Fleming

NB: We know you are aware that we require financial reporting weekly.

March 27, 1964

The Rev. M. D. McCollom
P.O. Box 423
Walterboro, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCollom:

Re VEP 3-29

The enclosed check in the amount of $1500 represents the final installment toward your grant. We will continue to expect monthly financial reports from you until the entire amount has been accounted for.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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April 3, 1964

Mr. Billie Fleming
Fleming Funeral Home
Manning, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Re VEP 3-29

I am pleased to inform you that the Voter Education Project has approved a supplemental grant to the First Congressional District Voter Education Project in the amount of $6000 for a four-month voter registration program in the First Congressional District of South Carolina, which is to be conducted during the period April 1 through July 31, 1964.

This grant will be paid to you at the rate of $1500 per month and we are sending our check for the initial installment in the amount of $1500 to the Rev. McCollom. Subsequent installments will be paid to you on or about the 12th day of May, June and July, but conditioned upon satisfactory progress and financial reporting.

The proceeds of this check should be deposited in your special VEP account and it is to be understood that the same conditions and restrictions are imposed upon this supplemental grant as were imposed upon the original.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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cc: Rev. M. McCollom

COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB
Post Office Box 7
Walterboro, South Carolina

RADIO ADVERTISEMENT

TO BE USED SATURDAY - APRIL ~~4~~ MAY 7 1964

THE COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB REMINDS YOU THAT THE REGISTRATION BOOKS WILL BE OPEN AT THE COURTHOUSE ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK FROM 9 TO 5. IF YOU'VE LIVED IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR A YEAR AND CAN READ AND WRITE, YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE. IF YOU REGISTER NOW, YOU CAN HAVE A VOICE LATER IN THE ELECTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

WILL YOU BE DUMB ON ELECTION DAY? OR WILL YOU BE ABLE TO SPEAK FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT? YOU CAN SPEAK ONLY IF YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE.

CALL ANY TAXI IN TOWN FOR FREE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE REGISTRATION OFFICE.

BE A GOOD CITIZEN - REGISTER TO VOTE.

VEP 3-29

COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB
Post Office Box 7
Walterboro, South Carolina

RADIO ADVERTISEMENT

TO BE USED SATURDAY - APRIL 4

IN COOPERATION WITH THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE BEING SPONSORED BY THE COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB, WILLIAM HAMILTON OF HAMILTON'S FUNERAL HOME SAYS, BE A GOOD CITIZEN. REGISTER NOW SO THAT YOU CAN VOTE ON ELECTION DAY. THIS IS THE AMERICAN WAY: IF WE DON'T REGISTER AND VOTE, WE'LL SOON HAVE A DICTATORSHIP. SO, FOR THE LOVE OF DEMOCRACY, REGISTER TO VOTE. AND IF YOU NEED ANY KIND OF ASSISTANCE OR FREE TRANSPORTATION, CALL HAMILTON'S FUNERAL HOME AT 549-4071.

REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE COURTHOUSE ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK.

IF YOU CAN READ AND WRITE, YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE.

REMEMBER, VOTELESS PEOPLE ARE HOPELESS PEOPLE.

REGISTER TO VOTE.

COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB
Post Office Box 7
Walterboro, South Carolina

RADIO ADVERTISEMENT

TO BE USED SATURDAY - APRIL 4

THE COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB URGES ALL GOOD CITIZENS TO REGISTER TO VOTE. THE REGISTRATION BOOKS WILL BE OPEN ON NEXT MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY FROM 9 TO 5, AT THE COURTHOUSE. IF YOU ARE TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR MORE AND HAVE LIVED HERE FOR A YEAR OR MORE AND CAN READ AND WRITE, YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE OF ANY KIND IN GETTING REGISTERED, CALL REV. M.D. MCCOLLOM AT 549-2077. AND IF YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION, CALL ANY TAXI IN TOWN, AND TRANSPORTATION WILL BE FREE. THIS IS A SERVICE OF OUR PATRIOTIC TAXI DRIVERS.

REGISTER NEXT WEEK, MONDAY, TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY. AND REMEMBER, THE COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB SAYS THAT "VOTELESS PEOPLE ARE HOPELESS PEOPLE." REGISTER TO VOTE.

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Ridgeland, South Carolina
April 10, 1964

The First Congressional District Voter Education Project met in Ridgeland, South Carolina on April 10, 1964 for its regular monthly meeting.

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Hosey of Hampton County; minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

OLD BUSINESS: The January report from Berkeley County was read and received. Mr. Weigfall said he had tried in vain since January to obtain a count of the new registrants for the month of January but the chairman of the board kept putting him off. He reported 10 new registrants for January.

Report by Counties for the month of April:

Allendale	41
Beaufort	45
Berkeley	71
Charleston	74
Colleton	63
Dorchester	39
Hampton	52
Jasper	15
TOTAL	410

Clarendon 10 — letter attached

Mr. Flemming said that Rev. McCollom had submitted a budget request to Atlanta for an extended four-month period as he had been authorized to do, and that the grant had been given in the amount of six thousand dollars. It was agreed that the money would be divided as before; ten ways. Everyone seemed relieved that we would have financial assistance to continue our work.

Mr. Flemming told the group that there was a little money left in the treasury that had not been used for office expense. Mr. Flemming said he

felt that the secretary should be compensated. The group unanously agreed to give the secretary seventy five dollars ($75.00) of the one hundred dollars($100.00) which was left in the treasury from the first period of operation and to give her a compensation each month; the amount to ve decided after office expenses were paid. The gesture was highly appreciated by the secretary although it was understood that the work was to be done on a non-paying basis.

Report from Clarendon County: The group was disillusioned aafter listening to the report from Mr. Boyd of Clarendon County. This report, more than any we've ever had, brought us to the realization of how vital voter registration is to Negroes. It is only through voting that we can put an end to officials such as those in Clarendon County who make it impossible for Negroes to live as free people.

The group was very concerned as to what could be done to protect Mr. Flemming and his family from physical harm. When Mr. Boyd stated that Mr. Flemming's business establishment had been "shot-up" once or twice, we realized that things there are very bad as far as race relation is concerned.

Mr. Vaniel Mitchell of Jasper County suggested that we write a letter to the Attorney General in Washington bearing the signatures of the officials of the first Congressional District Voter Education Project asking what could be done about the situation in Clarendon County.

Mr. Essau Jenkins suggested that we do not request our workers to write the names and numbers of each registrant because it would require too much time to do this. A count would be sufficient.

Mr. Mitchell asked the members present from Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton and Colleton Counties to buy shares in the new garment industry that is to open up in Jasper County.

Mr. Essau Jenkins of Charleston County extended an invitation to the

to visit John's Island this summer and attend the workshops that will be held there. The dates are July 6-18 and July 20-August 1. He said that all expenses will be paid by his organization.

To visitors from Allendale County were introduced. They were Mr. George Thompson and Mr. Frank Solomon. Both men work along with Rev. Fields in voter registration. Mr. Solomon is the only Negro member of the Episcopal Church in Allendale.

Mr. Weigfall invited the next meeting to come to the Stewart Chapel Methodist Church in Hugee, South Carolina for our meeting in May (8).

Benediction was said by Rev. Simmons.

Refreshment was served by junior members of the Sunday School.

Mr. Billie Flemming, Chairman

Mrs. Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary

COPY OF THE REPORT FROM CLARENDON COUNTY

107 East Boyce Street
Manning, South Carolina
April 10, 1964

Mr. Chairman:

If you will remember from our report last month, we stated that we were beginning a Voter Registration drive her in Clarendon County for the month of March that would swell the rolls in our registration program. When we came home from the last meeting, we went to work here in the county trying to get the hundred people registered that we promised to get. From the north area of our county we got Mr. Emerson Wheeler to work and from the Summerton area we got Rev. J. W. Seals to work. We began working to get the people to come out to the polls on April 6, 7 and 8th to register. To this effort, we devoted hours of time and miles of travel. We hoped that this would be a bumpter month for us in our drive.

As we went along, we tried to sell the Negroes on registering so that they may vote here in the June primary. However, we were all more than shocked when the filing ended and we learned that all officers here in Clarendon County are unopposed for the June primary. These officers are: Sheriff, Supervisor, Clerk of Court, Coroner and for the House of Representatives. Now unless someone files against L. Mendel Rivers for his seat in Congress from the first district, we will not have a primary in Colleton County in June. I am sure that all of you will understand that this has created a great burden upon us trying to get our people interested in voting at a time like this. However, we kept busy and hoped for a very good turn-out.

On Monday morning I took my stand near the court house to watch for our people as I always do. I am sorry to report that as soon as the polls opened the weather changed for the worst and ra,n forced me to leave the grounds. The rain was against us and we did not get as many people in as we had hoped to. On the following Tuesday, I am sure all of you remember how the weather was. It was much too bad for me, a senior citizen, to remain outside to keep a count on those registered. Then on Wednesday, we had more rain than we had had in a long time. This kept many of our people away. With the three bad days, we were hurt in our drive, but we did get a number of people registered.

I am sorry that I am not able to give you the exact number of people registered in Clarendon County this month. We thought that this w ould be possible because we planned to get the names from the registration books. We had a young lady ready to go to work on the books at the courthouse yesterday and I took Mr. Flemming and we went together to ask the Clerk of Court for the books. This was as far as we got. He refused to give us access to the books. He told us that we would have to call a Mister So and So before he could let us see the books. We told him that this was untrue. We told him that the books were public records and they are to be available at all times to anyone who wishes to see them. We reminded him of the same thing which happened last year and how we had to get aid from the N. A. A. C. P. to get the books. He gave us the "run-around" by telling us to go to the room where the books are kept and wa it for him. We went to this room and wait-

ed for fifteen minutes and he did not come. We returned to his office and again asked him to let us see the books. He told us that he had called the chairman of the board and he was not at home. He was waiting for the Chairman to return his call. He again refused to let us see the books. We told him upon leaving his office that we were going to take further steps to get the books. We then went to Mr. Flemming's place where we called Mr. Matthew Perry, Attorney in Columbia. Mr. Perry was told of the matter in detail and was asked to advise us what to do. He told us to call the Federal District Attorney, A Mr. Terrel Glenn on the matter. Mr. Flemming did as he advised. Mr. Glenn said that this was not in keeping with the laws of South Carolina and that he would contact Mr. Dan McLeod, the State Attorney General. He told Mr. Flemming that this would be done immediately since he knew that we wanted the names to report at our meeting on April 10. He told Mr. Flemming that we would hear from him as soon as he had contacted Mr. McLeod in Columbia. We were advised to wait to hear from the local people. About an hour later, Mr. Glenn called Mr. Flemming and stated that he had made contact with Mr. McLeod and the Attorney General agreed that the local clerk was in error. The Attorney General agreed to enter the matter and settle it as soon as possible. According to the report we received from Mr. Glenn, we feel that Mr. McLeod will make it clear to the local people in Clarendon County that this isthe second and last time that this is to happen. We then went back to the court house armed with this information and told the clerk of court that we had consulted both state and federal governments and he still refused us access to the books. He said that he would comply only after he had received a court order. I asked him if, when he heard from the Attorney General, he would let us know and he said he would. Needless to say that we did not hear from him and we probably never will until we go back to him.

Rev. Seals did make a list of the people he knew from his area who registered. He went to the people's homes and got ther names and certificate numbers. He was able to get 10, however, we assure you that there were more registered this month. As of three thirty this afternoon, we still have not heard from the clerk og court.

John S. Boyd
Delegate from Clarendon County

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CHARLESTON NEWS
AND COURIER (S. C.)
P. 1B
Date: APR 11 1964

Voter Registration Totals Announced

Voter registration totals as of yesterday for Charleston County stood at 43,395 whites and 12,224 Negroes, a spokesman for the Board of Registrars said.

Last chance for citizens to register to vote in the Democratic primary will be a one-week period in May. The Board of Registrars will be open to accept new registrations from May 4 through May 9. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on May 9, Saturday.

Duplicate registration certificates can be issued anytime to citizens who have lost or misplaced theirs.

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CHARLESTON NEWS
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Date: MAR 31 1964

Move Started To Register Negro Voters

A drive to register 4,000 new Negro voters in Charleston County by the November general election has been launched by the Charleston Movement, officials said yesterday.

Rev. B. J. Glover, head of the organization's steering committee, said promotion of the voter registration drive would be taken up at a meeting at 8 p.m. today at Emanuel AME Church, 110 Calhoun St. Rev. Glover is pastor of the church.

The emphasis on increased Negro voter registration is part of a statewide program being carried out by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and other Negro groups.

The Charleston County drive, said Rev. Glover, is a separate one from the CORE-sponsored effort.

Rev. Glover noted that the stepped-up emphasis on Negro voter registration had come within the last three months.

But apparently no concerted effort has been made yet. The Charleston County Board of Registrars said yesterday that only 131 new Negro voters had been signed up during the three-month period January through March.

As of Jan. 1 this year there were 12,043 registered Negro voters in Charleston County — out of a total voter registration for the county of 54,713.

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Dale Elementary School
Dale, South Carolina
April 29, 1964

Mr. Randolph Blackwell
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I received your letter in the mail this A. M.

By this time you have prehaps received the report from the first Congressional District Voter Education Project which will explain why the members of the organization are concerned for Mr. Flemming's safety.

You sounded as though you had heard that he was recently arrested because when I mentioned it to you that day at Penn I remember your saying "Oh yes, I would like to know about that." I know that you have a lot on your mind and are very busy, but I thought perhaps you could advise the group if there is something that could be done or at least express some feelings openly.

With best regards,

Frieda R. Mitchell

Frieda R, Mitchell

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April 27, 1964

Mrs. Frieda R. Mitchell
Secretary
First Congressional District
Voter Education Project
Dale Elementary School
Dale, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Mitchell:

Your letter of April 14, 1964, has been on my mind almost every day since it was received. It came at a time when I was about to take to the road. I am just now getting back to my desk.

Please inform me in detail of the dangers that you feel involve Mr. Fleming and his family, if they still prevail. I want to be of help.

Very truly yours,

Randolph T. Blackwell
Field Director

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file South C. Voter Project (Dr. Thomas)

Dale Elementary School
Dale, South Carolina
April 14, 1964

Mr. Randolph Blackwell
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street- Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

It was my intention to speak to you at Penn Center Saturday, but because of the fact that I was working, I did not have the proper time and I don't think you had the time either.

I am sure I speak for the rest of the members of our organization when I say that we have grave concern for the safety of Mr. Flemming and his family. Our meeting on April 10th was somewhat disturbing as well as sad because from the report given from Clarendon County, we feel that Mr. Flemming may be in danger. Several members expressed their concern and one even went as far as to say that he feels that we should write a letter to the Attorney General in Washington and ask for protection for Mr. Flemming and his family. Of course no one could say very much about this because we did not know if this would be proper.

Being a lawyer, you could perhaps advise the group or maybe say something that would perhaps get rid of some of their doubts.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future in regard to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Frieda R. Mitchell

Mrs. Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary
First Congressional District
Voter Education Project

April 30, 1964

Mr. Billie Fleming
Fleming Funeral Home
Manning, South Carolina

RE: VEP 3-29

Dear Mr. Fleming:

The reporting procedure for this phase of your registration campaign will be the same as under the previous grant. We are sending, under separate cover, a supply of reporting forms to be used. We feel the items on the forms to be self-explanatory, but if there are any questions or comments, please feel free to communicate with us.

At the conclusion of your program we wxpect a comprehensive report. A suggested outline is enclosed.

Let us know if we can be of assistance to you.

Verytruly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

May 5, 1964

Mr. Billie Fleming
Fleming Funeral Home
Manning, South Carolina

RE: VEP 3-29

Dear Mr. Fleming:

In order that there will be no interruption of your registration program during the crucial May registration period, we are sending our check in the amount of $1,500 to Rev. McCollum, representing payment of the second installment toward the $6,000 grant approved for your First Congressional District registration program in our letter of April 3, 1964.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

cc Rev Matthew McCollum

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Huger, South Carolina
May 8, 1964

The regular monthly meeting of the First Congressional District Voter Education Prokect was held in Huger, South Carolina on May 8, 1964.

The meeting was called to order rather late due to difficulty of some of the members in locating the church.

Invocation was given by Rev. Simmons of Dorchester County. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Two letters were read by the chairman: The first was from the secretary acknowledging the seventy-five dollars ($75.00) given to her by the organization at the end of the first period. The second was from Mr. Wiley Branton, Director of Voter Education Project in Atlanta. The letter from Mr. Branton stated that the grant of $6,000 for a four-month period was extended to the First Congressional District to continue its work in Voter registration. He stated also that reporting procedures would be continue in the same manner as during the first period. Forms were being sent under separate cover which would enable us to make our reports more comprehensive. Mr. Flemming said that the approval of grants are based largely on performance of each district.

Mr. Flemming told the group that Mr. Blackwell had been in touch with him and that plans were in the making for a Mammoth Voter Registration Meeting to be held some time prior to the June primary election. Time and site of this meeting were to be set at a meeting of District chairmen scheduled to be held in Columbia on May 9. Mr. Flemming said that the meeting would probably be held in Columbia, but that each county delegate would be notified as to time and place as soon as it was known to him.

Since all districts would be expected to participate, Mr. Flemming asked generally what the feeling of the group toward such a meeting.

Rev. McCollom said that since this was a public meeting which would

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show the strength of the Negro voters in South Carolina, it should be well supported by all. He pledged the support of Colleton County. Mr. Essau Jenkins of Charleston County said that in the light of what has been done by the district in voter registration, we should lead the support of such a meeting. The other delegates were all in favor of supporting a Mass Voter Registratin meeting.

Rev. McCollom raised the discussion on annexation of sections just outside of city limits so that these residents will be eligible to register within these cities. Sumter and Orangeburg were given as examples.

Since many of the counties would be registering after this meeting, the following report is incomplete where indicated.

COUNTY	NO. REGISTERED	REJECTED
Allendale	39	2
Beaufort	68 (partial)	
Berkeley	220	
Charleston	166	
Clarendon	21	
Colleton	132 (partial)	
Dorchester	10 (partial)	
Hampton	51 (partial)	
Jasper	39 (partial)	

Mr. Flemming told the group that the South Carolina Advisory Committee to the commission on civil rights would meet in Manning on May 22 to find facts on some situations in that city and Clarendon county. He said that an open meeting would be held at 2:00 p. m. and that anyone who could/would come be welcomed. He said the committee had been called to Manning at the re-

quest of parents who have children in the public school system of Clarendon County.

Rev. J. J. Fields invited the group to come to Allendale for the June 5 meeting. The meeting will be held at Simpson Methodist Church.

Benediction was given by Rev. McCollum of Colleton County.

Refreshment served.

Billie Flemming, Chairman

Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary
First Congressional District VEP

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MAY 13 1964

Route 1, Box 108 A
Seabrook, South Carolina
May 11, 1964

TO: All Delegates of the Nine Counties
First Congressional District

RE: Mass Voter Registration Meeting

Dear Co-Worker:

If you will recall, Mr. Flemming told us in the meeting held at Huger, South Carolina on May 9, 1964 that you would be notified as to the date and location of the Mass Voter Registration Meeting.

Mr. Flemming has asked me to inform you that the Mass Voter Registration Meeting will be held at Zion Baptist Church, 803 Washington Street, Columbia, South Carolina on Saturday, May 30, 1964.

The purpose of this meeting will be to show the strength of the Negro voters in South Carolina before the June primary election. It is very important to us as Negro citizens to see to it that this meeting is well attended.

At 4:00 o'clock P. M. on May 30, there will be a meeting of all County and District Chairmen from all over the state and at 7:00 o'clock P. M. the Mass Meeting will begin. The speaker for the occasion will be a nationally known figure. It is not yet certain who this person will be but you are assured that he will be an outstanding person of our time.

The success of this meeting will depend largely on you as a representative of your county. You are being given the information and it will be your responsibility to see that this meeting is well advertised. Since this is an official call to all county delegates, you may charge your mileage to your county expense account.

The First Congressional District has pledged full support, so we are depending on you.

Sincerely,

Frieda R. Mitchell

Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary
First Congressional District

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Summerville, S. C.
June 2, 1964

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus:

The Colored Registered Citizens of Dorchester County are willing to support a CANDIDATE Liberal minded. One who would use some of our People in some of the JOB opportunities available to other Citizens of Dorchester County.

We need someone to represent us on

1. The Board of Education
2. The Board of Public Welfare
3. The Regis$ration Board
4. We would like to have New Industries Come into Dorchester County. so that the people of Dorchester County will not have to leave our County to seek employment elsewhere.

We would like very much to see the STEP PROGRAM become a Reality here in Dorchester County

We would like to see the day under the Right Leader when this our Beloved Dorchester County become of age, with a Government of the People, by the People; for ALL THE PEOPLE.

Yours for First Class Citizenship,

GEORGE WASHINGTON VOTERS LEAGUE OF DORCHESTER COUNTY

Lewis H. Simmons Director
Hattie C. Oliver Secretary

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Rec'd 6/26/64

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Allendale, South Carolina
June 5, 1964

The First Congressional District Voter Education Project meeting was held at Simpson Methodist Church, Allendale, South Carolina June 5, 1964. Devotions were led by Mr. Ben Mack of Columbia.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Since the registration period was over at the time of the last meeting, there were no reports as to the number of new registrants, however, outstanding reports in voter registration were made from some counties.

Beaufort County. Mr. Cleaver B. Johnson reported that in an effort to determine the true strength of Negro voters in Beaufort County, four persons were hired by the Beaufort County Voters League to go to the Court House and copy the names and certificate numbers of all Negroes registered in the county. They found this number to be two thousand five hundred and thirty six (2,536). This figure is expected to increase when the books are reopened in July. The names of those registered are being compiled and will be made into booklets and be circulated throughout the county as was done in Clarendon County a few years ago. It is hoped that this will stimulate those whose names do not appear in this booklet to become registered.

Clarendon County. A moment was spent to honor our dear friend and delegate from Clarendon County, Mr. John S. Boyd, who passed since we held our last meeting. Mr. Boyd was quite a figure in history, being a veteran of the Spanish American War serving under Teddy Roosevelt with the "Rough Riders." He was most outstanding in Clarendon County as a great fighter for the rights of his people. Under Mr. Boyd's Chairmanship, the Clarendon County Suit for School Desegregation was filed. Mr. Boyd, in spite of his age, was quite an active person and an inspiration to us all. We would all look forward to hearing his report from Clarendon County each month.

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Mr. Flemming stated that "finding a replacement for Mr. Boyd is going to be a mighty big task."

Mr. Flemming also reported to the group results of the meeting held in Manning on May 22 by the South Carolina Advisory Committee to the Commission on Civil Rights. He said that the success of the meeting was rewarding to the people of Manning and Clarendon County and that the Committee was impressed with the testimonies given by the witnesses.

Mr. Flemming said that the meeting was held at the County Court House and that all of the important white citizens came out in an effort to create fear among the witnesses, since such persons as bankers, doctors and some of their important creditors were there. He said further that the persons who testified did so without any fear. They really told the story of the plight of the Negroes in Manning and in Clarendon County. This was the first time that they were able to get anyone who was connected with the department of education to meet before the Committee. It is felt that this meeting will be of much help in the future and it showed the white population that the Negroes in Clarendon County are not satisfied with conditions as they are in that County.

In an interview with the editor of the local newspaper in Manning, he stated that he would look into the complaints and if he found them to be true, the Manning Times would join in a crusade to correct these things. This, according to Mr. Flemming, would be real progress in Manning.

The remaining time was spent in a sort of open-discussion among the delegates, which always seems to bring the group closer together. There seemed to have been a general feeling of anxiety among the members for the coming June primary. Many delegates told of the "butter would melt in the mouth" attitudes of the candidates who were running for election. Many of them told of meetings held with the candidates and discussions that were held with them on different issues concerning Negroes.

Mr. Vanuel Mitchell of Jasper County told how he was approached by one of the candidates soliciting his vote, he told him that there was one thing he wanted him to do for him and he would consider voting for him. When asked what the one thing was, Mr. Mitchell told him he wanted him to join the NAACP and the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. Mr. Mitchell said that without hesitation, the candidate reached in his pocket and handed him the two dollars ($2.00) for his membership in the NAACP and promised that as soon as possible, he would join the Council on Human Relations. Everyone was amused when this was related, since the candidate was a white person.

For the first time the Senator and his opponent met with a group of eleven Negroes in Beaufort County to discuss such issues as Policies in desegregated state park, school compulsory law, technical education, Negroes in county offices and a biracial committee in the county. These two men were both in agreement with everything which sounded all too good. The Senator admitted that this was one of the real ways to solve problems; to meet in an informal manner and"lay our cards on the table." Everyone spoke very frankly and much at ease.

Mr. Flemming told the group that the First District had been asked to help defray the cost of the Voter Education Project Conference held in Columbia on May 30, 1964. The group agreed unanimously to pay the amount of ninety-three dollars ($93.00) along with the other districts. All agreed that this meeting was really enriching and much was gained from Senator Johnson's address.

Mr. Flemming related his recent experience in visiting the integrated Poinsett State Park in Sumter County. He said that no Negro parks that he had seen in South Carolina could compare with this one. He urged delegates to encourage people in their counties to visit these integrated places and take

advantage of the facilities.

At this point, Rev. Robert Dix, Pastor of the church, invited the group to return to Allendale for the July meeting. He felt that Allendale County needed to be awakened and felt that the Negroes would be inspired if they could sit in and listen to what's going on in the First District. The following delegates were asked to give special reports as to techniques and procedures in voter registration:

Rev. Matthew McCollom - Colleton County

Mr. Essau Jenkins - Charleston County

Rev. Samuel Weigfall - Berkeley County

It was moved, seconded and passed that our next meeting be held at Simpson Methodist Church, Allendale, South Carolina on July 10, 1964, beginning promptly at 7:30 P. M.

Mr. Billie Flemming, Chairman

Mrs. Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary

First Congressional District Voter Education Project

Frieda R. Mitchell
Penn Com. Center
Frogmore, SC.

June 17, 1964

Rev. Matthew McCollum
303 Verdier Street
Walterboro, South Carolina

RE: VEP 3-29

Dear Rev. McCollum:

We enclose herein our VEP check in the amount of $1,500, representing payment of the third installment on your total grant of $6,000 for VEP programs in the First Congressional District of South Carolina.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

Encl: ($1,500 check)

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Box 1778 South Carolina
State College
Orangeburg, S. C.
July 1, 1964

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Mr. Billie Fleming, Chairman
1st Congressional District V. E. P.
502 West Boyce
Manning, S. C.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

It surprises us very much that you have not taken care of your promised share in the expenses of the state wide meeting held in Columbia May 30, 1964.

Upon your request we sent you a bill for $76.50 which represented your agreed upon share. Please let us hear from you at an early date.

We plan to call the state wide officials in session soon regarding the future of the V. E. P. in S. C.

Yours very truly,

C. H. Thomas, Jr.

C. H. Thomas, Jr.
State Chairman, V. E. P.

CHT/pj

cc: Mr. R. T. Blackwell, Field Director
Rev. I. D. Newman

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July 7, 1964

Mr. Billie Fleming
c/o Fleming Funeral Home
Manning, South Carolina

RE: VEP 3-29

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I note from the report of the First Congressional District Voter Education Project that your next meeting will be held at the Simpson Methodist Church in Allendale on Friday, July 10 at 7:30 p. m.

It is my hope that I can personally attend that meeting, and if for any reason the meeting has been cancelled, will you please phone the VEP office and let them know as I will be in South Carolina Wednesday through Friday, but will be calling back in.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

cc: Mrs. Fridda Mitchell
Route #1, Box 108-A
Seabrook, South Carolina

July 10, 1964

Rev. Matthew McCollum
303 Verdier Street
Walterboro, South Carolina

Re: VEP 3-29

Dear Rev. McCollum:

I enclose herein our VEP check in the sum of $ 1,500.00 representing payment of the last of four installments on your total grant of $ 6,000.00.

This final payment should see your program through the August registration period and we intend to make a supplemental grant later this month for special assistance to Charleston County. We would like to see more results from that county in light of what the potential shows.

We will be pleased to consider a request for a supplemental grant to the First Congressional District to help your program from the end of the August registration period to the end of the October registration period, or, to cover the September and October registration. It will be necessary for you to send us a budget for this period which will then definitely mark the end of VEP support.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB/p
Encl:
cc: Mr. Billie Fleming

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Allendale, South Carolina

July 10, 1964

The First Congressional District Voter Education Project met at Simpson Methodist Church, Allendale, South Carolina for the second month in succession. This was done at the request of the Allendale County Voters League Chairman, Rev. Fields and the pastor of the church, Rev. Dix. The purpose was to try to stimulate more interest in voter registration in Allendale County. This was not a fruitless effort because Allendale County has during the past month, according to an article published in the News and Courier August 14, 1964, "Since the June 10 primary election, three hundred (300) Negroes registered in Allendale County, compared to a number of 10 white(a copy of this article is enclosed with the Minutes). "This was certainly rewarding to the First Congressional District Education Project.

Our second meeting in Allendale was greeted with warm enthusiasm from the Chairman, the Pastor and other members of the community. The meeting was opened with a spitited freedom song led by Rev. Simmons of Dorchester. All delegates present seemed to be in high spirits and they felt that they really had something to "shout about", namely, the passing of the civil rights law which was only 8 days old at the time of our meeting.

Rev. McCollom in his remarks urged everyone to "take advantage of his freedom because this is the first time in history that the American Negroes have been real citizens."

Rev. McCollom of Colleton County and Rev. Weigfall of Berkeley County gave the following helpful hints to the people of Allendale County in encouraging voter registration:

Rev. McCollom:

1. Involve as many persons as possible in making contacts in the community, including youth
2. Make contacts through county organizations such as voters league,

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3. Strive for the right type of leadership

4. Use church organizations

Rev. Weigfall:

1. Advantages of having adult citizenship school as well as local organizations

2. Stress the power of the registration certificate

3. Follow leadership

4. Importance of precint organization (Berkeley County has 100 organized precincts).

Mr. Flemming asked Mr. Cleaver Johnson of Beaufort County to tell something about voter registration in Beaufort County. Mr. Cleaver Johnson explained that the section of Beaufort County in which he lives, St. Helena Island, has 812 registered Negro voters compared with a number of 256 white. This accounts for the fact that they have two Negroes serving on elected boards in Beaufort County from that particular area. It was hoped that a Negro would run for sheriff from that section, but because of some technicality at the last minute he was disqualified. They hope to run another Negro in the next election. Mr. Johnston indicated that the Negroes in the city of Beaufort have not given the support and cooperation that was hoped for, even with the passing of the civil rights law. Voter registration is about average in Beaufort County. He is concentrating on getting 1,000 Negroes registered by the November election.

Our Chairman, Mr. Flemming told oh his recent encounter with the local opposers of civil rights in Manning. He told how again his business had been shot up, this time during his absence; he was attending the National NAACP Convention. He also told of a threat by the South Carolina Board of Funeral Directors to revoke his license to practice in South Carolina. We were all very happy to learn that they had posponed this. Mr. Flemming told of his experiences with such humility and yet he exemplified real courage

which has made him a real leader for the district. Mr. Flemming said that the white community had tried every conceivable method in trying to get him out of Manning and Clarendon County but that he is there to stay. He said that he is not striving for heriosm, only to get the job done. Mr. Flemming's leadership and determination in spite of opposition has certainly been an inspiration to all of us.

Mr. Flemming told the group of experiences in integrating restaurants, theaters and other public facilities since the passing of the civil rights law. He told how he had personally contacted business people in Manning and the reception that they had given him. He said that the majority of them said that they intend to comply with the law.

The following report of registrants was given:

Allendale	5
Beaufort	Books not open
Berkeley	42
Charleston	
Clarendon	42
Colleton	
Dorchester	8
Hampton	10
Jasper	11

Our next meeting was set for Emanuel Baptist Church in Summerville South Carolina.

The meeting was adjourned.

Note: Mr. Flemming explained that Mr. Wiley Branton's plans had been changed so that he was not able to attend the meeting. We regretted this very much because we had looked forward to meeting the Director of VEP.

Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary

Mr. Billie Flemming, Chairman

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July 24, 1964

The Rev. Mathew McCollum
P.O. Box 423
Walterboro, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCollum:

Re VEP 3-29

I am returning the enclosed checks to you, some of them for the second time, because we have received no ledger sheet or other explanation for the purposes for these expenditures. I am listing the checks below and those numbers in the first column are being returned to you for the second time for the same information:

0014	0031
0019	0030
0020	0032
0021	0033
0022	0034
0023	0035
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As well as the information requested above, we need three samples of recent advertising paid for by your project. We need these samples both as a matter of record concerning our tax exempt status and for our research files. I am listing here the dates, amounts, and check numbers for your identification:

#0049	6-8-64	$23.00
0033	6-8-64	$10.00
0048	6-8-64	$40.00 (this was for 2 items and

we will need samples of both.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jean Irvine
Fiscal Assistant

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(for file)

June 6, 1964

The Rev. Mathew McCollom
P.O. Box 423
Walterboro, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCollom:

Thank you for your letter of May 29, and for the financial reporting which accompanied it. I do understand that life can become complicated when one is trying to attend to several commitments.

No, Mr. McCollom, I do not have to see all the unushdd checks, except as you use them. But I do have to have copies of all check carbons, including any of checks that have been voided. You state in your letter that checks 0043, 0046, 0051, 0053, and 0055 are voided. OK I will have to have the carbons of these. Then, if as you promise, you begin to use the lowest number checks you have on hand and work up through the series, always remembering to send carbons of voided checks, too, we will eventually get straightened out.

We do have one more possible source of difficulty right now and it concerns the last financial report received. It seemed to consist of two complete sets of checks written to the same projects, but it contained only one set of vouchers to support these checks. Therefore, I have check carbons 0014, 0019, 0020, 0021, 0022, 0025,0027, 0028, 0029, and 0031. The voucher portion of these checks show no reason for the expenditures, nor are there the usual ledger sheets accompanying them. Would you please supply me with vouchers or ledger sheets to explain what these expenditures were for.

Thank you.

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

Walterboro District

The Methodist Church

P. O. BOX 423 PHONE 549-2077

WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA

May 29, 1964

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Miss Jean Levine, Administrative Secretary
Voter Education Project, SRC
5 Forsyth Street, Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Levine:

For some weeks I have been preoccupied with Church responsibilities, what with our General Conference lasting two weeks in Pittsburg and our Annual consuming all of last week. Except for this, my report would have been in before now.

My inept reporting is causing difficulty again. For this I apologize, again. I will be coming to Atlanta for a four-week summer session out at olg Gammon Theological Seminary the last week in June and will bring all of the unused checks for your scrutiny. If you wish, however, I shall mail them to you now.

To date 0001 - 0047 have been issued, with the following exceptions: 0043 and 0046 are v o i d, and 0032, 0033, 0034, and 0035 are on hand unused. 0051, 0053, and 0055 are also v o i d.

Voucher checks 0048 through 0255 are on hand, with the exception of the three above mentioned as void (51, 53, 55). Numbers 258 - 260 are on hand, as are 263 and 264.

Henceforth I shall use those of lowest numbering so that orderly sequence may be achieved.

You have been more than lenient with me, and I can assure you that your confidence is appreciated.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

M. D. McCollom

Matthew D. McCollom, Treasurer
First Congressional District (S.C.) VEP

5/23/64

May 14, 1964

The Rev. Mathew McCollom
P.O. Box 423
Walterboro, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCollom:

As you know, the financial reporting requirements of VEP are such that we must receive carbon copies of all voucher checks written by the projects and you and I have had correspondence regarding this aspect of reporting before. As you explained then you had inadvertently been writing checks out of their chronologic order and my understanding from what you wrote was that you would correct this and begin writing checks from the beginning of the series so that we would eventually receive all the back check numbers. However, your reporting since that time has not reflected that change and we are missing a great many check carbons from your series. I am listing the missing carbon check numbers below and request that you get the earliest ones to us as quickly as possible and that you begin to use your voucher checks in order so that our task of auditing will not be so very difficult.

~~0014 through 0018~~	0048 through 0255
~~0025~~ through 0035	0258 through 0260
0043 cd 3Q	0263
0046	0264

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

July 24, 1964

Rev. Matthew McCollum
303 Verdier Street
Walterboro, South Carolina

Dear Rev. McCollum:

I enclose herein our check in the amount of $600 which we are sending as a supplemental grant to be used exclusively in Charleston County in support of their August registration program. We have been concerned over the comparatively low results for Charleston County, and we informed Mr. Esau Jenkins that we would send additional financial support in August when the books would be opened for several days.

You may either have Mr. Jenkins send vouchers to you up to the amount of the supplemental grant and let you pay the bills on checks from the First Congressional District, or, you may send a check for the full $600 to the Voter Education Project of Charleston County and let them use the VEP voucher checks which we sent them before we made a grant to the congressional district. If you follow the latter course, then they should send directly to us copies of their voucher checks to further explain how the grant is used.

Your executive committee should meet at an early date and prepare a budget to submit to VEP for the period, July 12 through October 5, 1964, so that we can give it early consideration.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs
cc: Mr. Billie Fleming
Mrs. Frieda Mitchell
Mr. Esau Jenkins
Encl: $600 check

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August 10, 1964

The Rev. Mathew McCollum
P.O. Box 423
Walterboro, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCollum:

Re VEP 3-29

We have received no financial accounting from your project since early in July, and, as you know, we require weekly financial reporting. It will also be necessary for us to receive the information about which we wrote you on July 24, regarding the checks we returned on that date for futher information, as well as the samples of advertising paid for by your checks #0049, #0035, #0048.

Please furnish us immediately with the items mentioned above. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Route 1, Box 108-A
Seabrook, South Carolina
August 17, 1964

Dear Co-Worker:

Our district meeting for the month of August will be held at Emanuel Baptist Church, Summerville, South Carolina on Friday evening, August 21, 1964 beginning at 7:30 P. M.

All delegates are urged to be present to report on voter registration in their county.

Yours truly,

Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary
Billie S. Flemming, Chairman
First Congressional District VEP

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FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

MINUTES

Summerville, S. C.
August 21, 1964

The First Congressional District Voter Education Project held its regular monthly meeting at Emanuel Baptist Church, Summerville, South Carolina on Friday evening, August 21, 1964 ~~with all~~ of the officers and county delegates present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The following new registrants were reported:

Allendale	160
Beaufort	135
Berkeley	361
Charleston	992
Clarendon	107
Colleton	
Dorchester	120
Hampton	44
Jasper	8

Mr. Vanuel Mitchell reprted that the number for Jasper County was so low because they had the understanding that the books would be open for fifteen days in August but were open three days instead. Mr. Mitchell requested that this be looked into to find out if the laws of South Carolina require that the registration books be open for fifteen days during the month of August. Mr. Flemming said that an effort was made to contact the Attorney General in Columbia, but was not successful. The question still remains to be answered.

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FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Mr. Flemming said that he believes this to be true in an election year.

Rev. Fields of Allendale County reported a new synthetic plant being constructed in Allendale and said he felt that Negroes should be considered for employment. He said he had heard that Negro applicants were being refused. Mr. Flemming said the best thing to do would be to wait until the plant begins operation and if Negroes were refused employment, steps should be taken to see that they are hired.

Mr. Flemming told the group of a meeting held in Columbia which was composed of leaders from the nine congressional districts of South Carolina and other leaders in the state. The purpose of this meeting was to set up plans to finance a state voter registration office in Columbia. It was decided by the group that it would take approximately twelve thousand dollars per year for the operation of a state office with a full time Field Secretary. In order to raise this amount, each district was alloted a certain sum according to the population of the district. This amount is to be reported in full at a mass rally to be held in Comumbia the fourth Sunday in October. All delegates agreed to take the message back to their counties and seek full cooperation in raising the amount of $2,657.00 which is the amount allotted to the First District.

Mr. Esau Jenkins made a thorough report on the mass voter education drive held in Charleston. He submitted newspaper clippings which are being attached to the copy of the Minutes going to Atlanta.

Mr. Flemming reported that a donation of four thousand dollars ($4,000) was made to the voter registration project from the Presbyterian Church, USA.

Mr. Cleaver Johnson invited the meeting to Beaufort County on September 11.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Billie Flemmin, Chairman

Mrs. Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary

Saturday August 15th, 1964

Long Line Leads To Registration Board's Office

Applicants for voter registration certificates stood in a line today that stretched from the County Board of Registration office half-way around the quandrangle of The Center building.

From Monday through yesterday, 2,631 persons had obtained certificates.

Early this afternoon persons were still queued up at the first-floor office.

Mrs. John C. Townsend, board chairman, said she couldn't even begin to estimate the number of persons receiving certificates today.

Since the registration office opened in August, a total of 5,583 persons have received certificates of registration.

The books will be opened again Sept. 8 and 9 and Sept. 28 through 30.

Of the persons registering for the first time this week and last, 3,273 were white and 864 were Negro. Other registrations have involved change of addresses and replacements of lost certificates.

Certificates issued by the board through yesterday pushed the number of registered voters in Charleston county to approximately 60,800.

The five days that the books will be open next month will be the last opportunity for residents to register to vote in the November general election.

61,186 Voters Registered

(our count 992)

Voter registration in Charleston County topped 60,000 for the first time as a result of the two-week voter registration period which ended last week.

Mrs. John C. Townsend, chairman of the Board of Registration, announced the new countywide voter total of 61,186.

Of that total 47,801 are white and 13,385 are Negro.

The two-week registration period which ended Saturday resulted in adding 4,501 citizens (including 3,553 whites and 948 Negroes) to the voter eligibility lists.

During a three-day sign-up period in July 678 new voters (549 white and 129 Negroes) were added.

Only five days — all in September — remain in which county citizens can register to vote in the Nov. 3 general election.

The sign-up days are Sept. 8 and 9 and Sept. 28, 29, and 30.

Hours of the voter registration office, at the County Center on Marion Square, are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

REGISTRATION CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

The registration drive is going full blast at the Citizens"Committee. Mr. Easu Jenkins and other leaders in Charleston have stepped up the campaign recently as reports come in that whites are registering at a ratio of almost four to one. Instructions in the proper use of the voting machine is one of the many services offered by the center. Mr. Jenkins reported to the Charleston Inquirer that 461 new Negro registrations were accomplished last week, and that 98 more Negroes registered Monday of this week (the week of the 9th), 77 Tuesday and 110 on wednesday.

The papers gave us credit for 948, our Counts says 992

Negro Registration

NEGROES BELIEVE THEIR SALVATION WILL COME THROUGH LEGISLATION.....RESULTS: ONE OF THE BIGGEST "REGISTER AND VOTE" DRIVES EVER KNOWN IN THE HISTORY OF CHARLESTON,WITH PRESIDENT OF THE CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE, MR. ESAU JENKINS WORKING TO REGISTER A MINIMUM OF AN ADDITIONAL 10,000 NEW VOTERS THIS ELECTION YEAR. AND HOW IS IT GOING?..... PAGE 2

August 28, 1964

Mrs. H. G. Barksdale
1631 Union Street
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Barksdale:

As per our conversation in your office while I was visiting in your congressional district, I have made arrangements for you to receive 1,000 voter tages I hope they will aid you in your voter registration drive. If I can be of any service to you, please feel free to call upon me at once. Best of luck.

Sincerely,

Joe Tucker
Field Representative

JT:bs

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Route 1, Box 108-A
Seabrook, South Carolina
September 15, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Following is the information you requested:

COUNTIES	NUMBER OF DAYS TO REGISTER BEFORE NOV. 3
Berkeley	September 28, 29, 30
Charleston	Same
Clarendon	Unannounced
Colleton	September 19
Dorchester	None
Hampton	None
Jasper	October 1, 2, 3
Allendale	None
Beaufort	September 21 October 1, 2

Yours truly,

Frieda R. Mitchell

Frieda R. Mitchell

cc: Mr. Billie Flemming

VEP 3-29

September 16, 1964

Rev. Matthew McCollum
303 Verdier Street
Walterboro, South Carolina

RE: VEP 3-29

Dear Rev. McCollum:

This will confirm the telephone conference call which I had today with you and Mr. Flemming. I am enclosing our check in the amount of $2,000, made payable to the First Congressional District Voter Education Project. An amount of $1,500 of this supplemental grant is allocated for the continuation of your congressional district program through the October 3 registration deadline, and the other $500 is to support an intensified campaign in Charleston County.

This will be the last money which you will get on a district basis from VEP, and you should budget it in such a way as to see you through the registration deadline. Any funds which we might spend in your district in the future will come through your new statewide office.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs
cc: Mr. Billie Flemming
Mr. Richard Miles
Encl: $2,000 check

September 16, 1964

The Rev. Matthew D. McCollum
P.O. Box 423
Walterboro, South Carolina

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Dear Mr. McCollum:

Re VEP 3-29

Thank you for your letter of September 7, and the financial accounting which accompanied it.

In reference to the second paragraph of that letter, your method of issuing monthly checks to the county organizations was clearly understood by us. The problem arose when you failed to submit the ledger sheets with the check carbons for each project. However, you seem to have resumed this practice again so this phase of the accounting is now in order. What is basic to our requirements is that we must have an explanation for all expenditures of VEP money so that, while the phrase "monthly allotment" is acceptable at the time you write the check, subsequent reporting to us must account for the purposes to which this money was put.

In the matter of the checks referred to in the third paragraph of your letter (0035, 0048, and 0049) they do refer to your project. I understand you spoke with Mr. Branton by telephone this morning and that he has explained our needs regarding samples of all items printed for distribution with VEP money. On the checks referred to above, the ledger sheet accompanying them listed that $10.00, $40.00, and $23.00 respectively was spent from the total of $130.00 (the amount of each check) for advertising material. Therefore, we would have to have a sample of this advertising material. This is so that we will always be in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service regulations with respect to our tax exempt status.

Would you, therefore, request samples from the appropriate projects to which these checks were issued, and forward them to us. This same situation occurred in your last financial accounting and we will now also need samples of the advertising for which claims were made against checks #0056 ($10.42),

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check #0070 ($19.44), #0075 ($15.00), #0057 ($28.98), #0060 ($20.00), #0033 ($21.50), #0059 (

We will also need ledger sheets for checks #0035, #0048, and #0049 since there was no explanation on the voucher portion for these checks, nor was there an accompanying ledger sheet.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

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WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE

BOX 331
KINGSTREE, SOUTH CAROLINA

E. I. LAWRENCE - PRESIDENT

JOHNNIE DIMERY - SECRETARY

REV. P. B. ROGERS - TREASURER

September 18, 1964

Dear Mr Branton

The Williamsburg County Voters League is having a Citizenship Fair and Annual Homecoming Days on October 15th, 16th of October 1964 at the Tomlinson High School Ball Park in Kingstree, South Carolina. We will serve Dinners, have Group Singing, Outstanding Speakers, Exhibits and many other attractions.

The purpose of this affair is to raise money to carry out the program of the Williamsburg County Voters League. We hope that you will be able to be with us on all, or at least one, of these Days. Maybe, you have some suggestions that will help us in making this effort a success, if so, please feel free to offer any suggestion or come down a few days and help us plan the program.

Rev. B. J. Bradley - Chairman

Dr. C. L. Stephens - Co-Chairman

Virgil Dimery - Co-Chairman

Citizenship Fair on Homecoming

Williamsburg County Voters League

25 September 1964

Dear Mr Branton:

We sincerely hope you will be able to be with us. Our goal is to raise $10,000, so that we may become more effective in our County and State,

yours Truly,

Virgil C. Dimery

Enclosed: An Honorary membership in The Williamsburg County Voters League, in appreciation for the help and inspiration you have given us,

VCD

MEMBERSHIP CARD

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE

BOX 331

Kingstree, South Carolina

Name ATTY. WILEY A. BRANTON

E. I Lawrence, President Johnnie Dimery, Secretary

P. B. Rogers, Treasurer

Signed Virgil C. Dimery

Membership Chairman

Year 1964-65

Honorary membership, in appreciation for your long fight to make Democracy a reality in our Beloved Country

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FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

MINUTES

October 14, 1964

The final meeting of the First Congressional District Voter Education Project under the sponsorship of the Southern Regional Council met in Huger, South Carolina Friday, October 9, 1964. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Lewis Simmons of Summerville, Dorchester County; minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and adopted.

A letter from Mr. Wiley Branton, Project Director, was read by the Chairman, Mr. Flemming in which he requested that our final narrative report be sent to the office in Atlanta by October 28, 1964.

Mr. Flemming spoke of his recent rrip to the Capitol where he met with top members of the National Democratic Party. Mr. Flemming was accompanied by the new Director of the South Carolina Voter Education Project, Mr. Richard Miles and others from the state. A complete report of the work done in the six Congressional District of South Carolina in voter registration over a period of one year. Mr. Flemming said that his opinion was that the officials were impressed with the work done throughout the state.

Mr. Flemming introduced Mr. Richard Miles, newly elected to the position of Field Director for the South Carolina Voter Education Project. We had all looked forward to meeting Mr. Miles and to continue the work . Mr. Miles stated that the first Congressional District was one of the two Districts in the state that was so well organized he felt that there is not an immediate need for assistance.

He asked the cooperation of members of the organization in sponsoring the State Rally in Columbia on Sunday, October 25, 1964 in the auditorium at Allen University. Speaker for the occasion will be Mr. Andrew Hatcher, former

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Assistant Press Secretary to the Late President John Kennedy.

Mr. Miles gave pointers on how to conduct "GET OUT THE VOTE CAMPAIGNS" in the local organizations. Mr. Flemming observed that among the representatives from the nine counties in the District, there are four ministers, so this should be an advantage to them, in that they have more contact with the public than some others.

The following new registrants were reported for the period of registration in October (some counties had one or two days in September toward the end of the month, and most counties had two days in October. This information was sent to Atlanta earlier).

Allendale		
Beaufort	181	(three days)
Berkeley	180	
Charleston	503	
Clarendon	37	
Colleton	77	
Dorchester	41	
Hampton		
Jasper	29	
Total	1048	

Mr. Samuel Wigfall of Berkeley County had a complaint. He stated that so many Negroes showed up at the registration board that the white registrars became indignant, and cursed at the Negroes. He said that four Negroes had to move back to give preference to whites

Rev. McCollom stated that in Colleton County the registration books were open only during the regular courthouse hours. This, ofcourse, cut short the number to become registered in that county.

Mr. Billie Flemming invited the group to come to Manning on November 7 for a "Victorious Celebration."

All of the members of the organization are delighted that the group decided to continue the meetings as before, although the organization will be run on a State basis rather than on a District basis.

Visitors at the meeting were Ted Posselt, Richard Dehr and Roma Dehr who are VISA volunteer workers under the direction of the American Friends Service Committee with regional office in Charlotte, North Carolina. Beaufort County is fortunate in having Ted Posselt assigned to the Sheldon Community where he is doing community development work. Richard and Roma Dehr are awaiting their possible assignments in Dorchester County(St. George, where they will engage in community development work also. This is the first assignment in the United States for VISA volunteers, but this program has been operating in foreign countries similar to Peace Corps.

The meeting was adjourned.

Chairman, Billie Flemming

Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary

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M E M O R A N D U M October 17, 1964

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 3-29
(1st Cong. Dist. - So. Car.)

File

Grants: $14,635.00

Expenditures:

Adv. Prom & Print.	$1,581.59	
Meals	37.89	
Off. Rent	658.00	
Off. Supplies	1,548.00	
Postage	59.00	
Salareis	4,299.68	
Tel & Tel	294.45	
Trav. & Trans.	5,601.50	
Bank Charges	5.00	
Miscell.	49.76	
TOTAL	$14,634.87	14,634.87
Balance		$ .13

WBI

JM

OCT 21 1964

Route 1, Box 108-A
Seabrook, S. C.

October 20, 1964

Mrs. Jane Bond Moore, Research Assistant
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Moore:

Your letter to Mr. Billie Flemming has been referred to me for reply.

All of the new registrants within the First Congressional District which appeared on the report you received on October 9th were registered during the period of August 21 to September 11. The dates vary in each county, therefore, I do not have specific dates when registration was held in each of the nine counties in the District. I have never, in my previous reports, given specific dates. Each month the delegates report the number of new registrants for the period prior to the date when the meeting is held.

I hope that this answers your question.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda R. Mitchell

Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary

FM
CC: Mr. Billie Flemming

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October 16, 1964

Mr. Billie Fleming
Fleming Funeral Home
Manning, South Carolina

RE: VEP 3-29

Dear Mr. Fleming:

In the First Congressional District report that we received on October 9th a list of new registrants for the nine counties within the District is given. However, you have neglected to indicate the time period during which these people registered. We will appreciate receiving this information as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) June Bond Moore
Research Assistant

OCT 9 1964

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Frogmore, South Carolina

September 11, 1964

The First Congressional District Voter Education Project held its regular meeting at Penn Center, Frogmore, South Carolina on the above date. The group gathered early and had dinner in the cafeteria as guests of the Beaufort County Voters League. We were very happy to entertain the First Congressional District again.

The Business Session began in Frissell at 8:15 P. M. Invocation was said by Rev. Hosey of Hampton County. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and adopted.

Mr. Flemming spoke for a while on the Mass Rally to be held in Columbia, South Carolinaon October 25, 1964. He said that Mr. Andrew Hatcher will be the guest speaker. Mr. Flemming told the group that the time for reporting the finance from each county had been extended, since it was felt that additional money would be needed in the local organization to conduct campaigns and transporting people to and from the polls on election day. He said that if each delegate had the money on October 25, that it could be reported, but that they were not required to report it at that time.

(He means Richard Miles)

Mr. Flemming reported that Mr. Frank Miles, a young man who will be living in South Carolina for the next two years, had been chosen as Field Director for South Carolina Voter Education Project. Rev. McCollom has been named as Coordinator for the financial drive.

The following new registrants were reported from the nine counties:

Allendale

Beaufort 25

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Berkeley	50
Charlesgton	306
Clarendon	39
Colleton	33
Dorchester	52
Hampton	34
Jasper	27

Each County Delegate gave dates remaining in their counties for registration. Books were closed in the following counties:

Allendale

Dorchester

Jasper

After the Business session of the meeting, a film was shown titled "Right Now." This film was made in Savannah, Georgia and showed how door-to-door campaigns were made to recruit tegistrants.

Mr. Wiffall invited the group to Huger, South Carolina for the next meeting.

Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary

Billie Flemming, Chairman

Peninsula Coordinating Committee

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DR. C. WALDO SCOTT
CHAIRMAN

MRS. NORVLEATE DOWNING
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

October 22, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsythe Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

This is to express, on behalf of the Peninsula Coordinating Committee, our sincere thanks for the help and financial assistance you have given us through the grant of VEP funds with which to carry out a program on Voter Registration. Without your assistance we would not have been able to continue the program we undertook in July 1961 to register the vast number of Negroes in Newport News.

The last campaign we held which ended on October 3rd, went far over the top. We set a goal of 1,000 and did successfully register many more than that. I am at present preparing a final report for you. I know it is very late, but the work of checking and double checking the registrar's list has been a tremendous one. But, I will be able to mail the report to you by the first of the week.

We are now setting up Voter Workshops in each precinct to instruct these new voters. There will be one on each night next week.

Any additional information you require will be gladly forwarded if you will let me know. Again, thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Norvleate Downing

Norvleate Downing
Executive Secretary

Sep 3-9

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

In order that you may keep up with the progress in the First Congressional District, the Chairman, Mr. Flemming, has asked me to send you a copy of all the minutes.

Enclosed is copy of minutes from our last meeting.

Frieda R. Mitchell

Hope that all is going well with you.

61 people registered in at the meeting.

8 did not register for reasons unknown to me.

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Registration Ratio Shifts

DATELINE BEAUFORT

By

JAMES C. FELDER

After a period of four months of voter registration, white voters in Beaufort County are finally beginning to get their names on the books.

F. B. Webb, chairman of the registration board, reported a 3-1 ratio of Negroes outnumbering whites in registering during the months of August, October, November and December. There was no registration in September because of the Labor Day holiday.

Last week, however, the books were held open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. During that period, about 240 registered — with a sudden shift from Negroes outnumbering Whites to a 3-1 ratio of whites outnumbering Negroes.

The books being held open extra days is a practice that will be continued again Jan. 23-25. The reason, Mr. Webb advises, is the upcoming Democratic Primary Election in June.

In connection with the Negro registration, a piece of paper found last week by board officials indicates that somewhere in the county there is a concentrated effort to register more.

Mr. Webb spotted an applicant copying the sheet of paper in making out his registration form. He took the sheet and found it was an exact duplicate of the registration forms. The only work required by the applicant was to copy answers from the duplicate onto the official sheet.

COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB
Post Office Box 7
Walterboro, South Carolina

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SCRIPT:

COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB

THE COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC C LUB REMINDS YOU
THAT VOTELESS PEOPLE ARE HOPELESS PEOPLE.
YOU CAN HELP ELECT OUR PUBLIC OFFIC IALS
THIS SUMMER AND FALL ONLY IF YOU ARE REGISTERED
THE BOOKS WILL BE OPEN AT THE COURTHOUSE FOR
THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, EVERY DAY EXCEPT SUNDAY.
IF YOU NEED HELP OR TRANSPORTATION, CALL
534-2077 or CALL ANY TAXI IN TOWN FOR
A FREE TRIP TO AND FROM THE COURTHOUSE IF
YOU WISH TO REGISTER TO VOTE.
IT'S EASY. SO, DON'T PUT IT OFF.
GO DOWN AND REGISTER NOW!!

COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB
Post Office Box 7
Walterboro, South Carolina

SCRIPT for COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB

The Colleton County Civic Club reminds you that the voter registration books will be open at the County Courthouse every day except Sunday for the next two weeks.

This is a great opportunity to register now so that you can speak for good government later. This is your last chance to register before the June primaries.

If you need assistance or transportation, call any Minister, any funeral home, or call any taxi in town. Transportation is free.

This is your town. This is your county. Help to promote good government by registering to vote.

Register now.

COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB
Post Office Box 7
Walterboro, South Carolina

SCRIPT:

COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB:

THE COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC C LUB REMINDS YOU THAT THE REGISTRATION BOOKS WILL BE OPEN IN YOUR OWN TOWN AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE NEXT TWO W WEEKS. WATCH THE COUNTY PAPER FOR THE SCHEDULE. GET EVERYBODY READY TO REGISTER WHEN THE BOOKS COME TO YOUR TOWN. SOMEONE FROM THE COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB WILL BE THERE TO ASSIST YOU.

WATCH FOR THE BOOKS. GET THE WORD AROUND.

REGISTER TO VOTE!!

COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB
Post Office Box 7
Walterboro, South Carolina

SCRIPT FOR:

COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB:

NOW HEAR THIS:

THE REGISTRATION BOOKS WILL BE OPEN TONIGHT FROM EIGHT TO TEN AT THE COURTHOUSE.

REGISTER TONIGH .

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FOR FREE TRANSPORTATION, CALL ANY TAXI IN TOWN.

REGISTER. TONIGHT.

COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB
Post Office Box 7
Walterboro, South Carolina

SCRIPT FOR

COLLETON COUNTY CIVIC CLUB

THE REGISTRATION BOOKS WILL BE OPEN TONIGHT FROM 8 TO TEN.

IF YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION, CALL ANY TAXI IN TOWN FOR FREE TRANSPORTATION TO REGISTER TONIGHT FROM 8 TO 10.

S.C. Voter Registration Is A Booming Business

By ROBERT D. CATHCART
State News Editor

Business is booming at Lowcountry voter registration offices and before the books close lines are expected to become even longer.

County registration employes reported yesterday that record numbers of persons were registering to vote in the November general election.

While there is a great increase on the amount of Negroes registering, whites, too, are planning to exercise their voting privileges when county, state and national political offices will be up for grabs.

Many registration workers surmised that the sudden Republican surge in South Carolina had caused the rush to Lowcountry and Pee Dee registration offices.

Two Republicans are seeking office to the U. S. House of Representatives. Many county and state offices, where the GOP is trying to make inroads, also will be contested.

Robert M. Doster is seeking the 5th Congressional District seat and E. R. Kirkland, a professor at the University of South Carolina's Conway extension, is running in the Sixth District.

The presidential race pitting President Johnson and [illegible]-to-be-named vice-presidential nominee against Sen. Barry Goldwater and William E. Miller, is seen as the moving force behind citizens who are registering.

"Many older persons are registering for the first time," a spokesman who did not want to be identified said. "This, to me, is an indication that this year's presidential race will cause a record number of voters to turn out — including many who have stayed at home in the past."

NEGRO REGISTRATION

Negro registration, in comparison, has been much higher in most counties.

Allendale County reported that "registration of whites is extremely slow — only about 10 whites have registered since the June election."

Mrs. S. J. Wilson, chairman of the registration board said about 300 Negroes had enrolled since the primary.

Mrs. Wilson said she expected a total of 4,000 persons to register by the time books close. There were 3,174 whites and Negroes registered for the June elections.

LEADERS SAID

On June 1, 1964, South Carolina Negro leaders said an additional 40,000 Negroes had registered to vote since January.

Negro leaders had previously estimated that they had some 80,000 registered in the state.

Officials in Columbia reported registration was "very heavy — extra heavy" since books opened two weeks ago. One said it was the heaviest since all voters were required to re-register in 1958.

Whites were registering in greater numbers over-all but registrations this week in Columbia have been about even for each race, the Columbia office reported.

Heavy registration was reported in Orangeburg with about two-thirds of the certificate applicants being Negroes.

HEAVIER THAN USUAL

"Yes," a spokesman said, Negro registration is much heavier than usual. About 75 per day have been registering since August 3.

Heavy registration of Negroes from Holly Hill, Elloree, Vance and Eutawville has been evident, the spokesman said. He said 700 Negroes had registered since August 3.

In Georgetown more than 219 have registered since the June primary with about one-third being Negro. The books will remain open in Georgetown until August 21.

Orrie Varn, chairman of the Board of Registration for Hampton County, estimated that 5,510 persons have registered to vote this year. About 4,000 registered last year. More than 1,025 Negroes are on the books, Varn said.

In Marion County no significant change has been noted. Mrs. Jack Boatwright said there was "no difference from past years. She said most applicants have been newcomers and people who are becoming of age to vote. There are approximately 7,500 registered voters in the county.

Berkeley County reported activity "much heavier than usual." The registration staff has been increased by three people—two of these working part-time. A spokesman said 12,000 persons were registered to vote for the primary and estimated that 13,000 were now on the books.

MANY MORE

She said there were many more Negroes and whites showing up at the courthouse to register.

Voter registration is about average for an election year in Beaufort County, F. B. Webb reported. "It was good before the June primary and is beginning to pick up again now." Webb estimated that about 35 per cent of those registering were Negroes.

Charleston County has been doing a booming business, too. The board issued 1,618 certificates the first three days of this week. Obtaining certificates were 862 white persons and 278 Negroes.

DIFFERENT STORY

A somewhat different story was received from Colleton County.

Harris Harrison said about 200 voters had registered this week with only eight Negroes showing up. This, he said, was in direct contrast to when the books were open in April and the majority of certificate-seekers were Negroes.

Voter registration in Dorchester County has been about even for whites and Negroes. Since August 3, 236 certificates have been issued to 116 Negroes and 120 whites. This ratio has been prevelant since 1960, a spokesman said.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Beaufort County Voters — Organization

Irma Mae Beaver Johnson — Person reporting

Frogmore — Street Address

St Helena Island — City

Beaufort — County

SC — State

Period covered by this report: From Dec. 2, 1963 to Jan. 8, 1964

Date submitted: Jan 8, 1964

Election District to which this report applies: _____ _____ Ward, Beat, etc.

Beaufort County — Precinct, election district, etc.

Day of the month:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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No.* refusing to participate	10																													
No.* instructed at home	75																													
No.* instructed at other places (specify places)	600	Mass Meeting																												
No.* applying for registration as a result of this program	300																													
No.* successfully registered by this project	155																													
No.* denied registration	None																													

*Persons of voting age

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Allendale County Lodge — Organization

J. J. Friedda — Person reporting

P. O. Box 195 — Street Address

Allendale — City

Allendale Co. — County

State

Period covered by this report:
From Dec. 2, 1963 to Jan. 8, 1964

Date submitted: 1-

Election District to which this report applies: _____ Ward, Beat, etc. _____ Precinct, election district, etc.

Day of the month:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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No.* instructed at home																														
No.* instructed at other places (specify places)	at our meeting																													
No.* applying for registration as a result of this program	100																													
No.* successfully registered by this project	57																													
No.* denied registration	50																													

*Persons of voting age

Form VEP-2

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Geo. W. Carver Voter's League — Organization
Lewis H. Simmons — Person reporting
P.O. Box 371 — Street Address
Summerville, — City
Dorchester — County
S.C. — State

Period covered by this report:
From Dec. 2, 1963 to Jan. 8, 1964

Date submitted: Jan. 13, 1964

Election District to which this report applies: 1st Congress — Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Day of the month:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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No.* contacted by other means (specify means)																														
No.* refusing to participate																														
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No.* instructed at other places (specify places)		40																												
No.* applying for registration as a result of this program		57																												
No.* successfully registered by this project		50					Jan 25																							
No.* denied registration		3					2																							

*Persons of voting age

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Manning Branch NAACP — Organization

John S. Boyd — Person reporting

107 E Boyce — Street Address

Manning — City

Clarendon — County

S.C. — State

Period covered by this report: From Dec. 2, 1963 to Jan. 8, 1964

Date submitted: 1-14-64

Election District to which this report applies: 1 — Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Day of the month:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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No.* refusing to participate																														
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No.* applying for registration as a result of this program		142																												
No.* successfully registered by this project		67																												
No.* denied registration																														

*Persons of voting age

Form VEP-4

Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

JAN 21 1964

Additional Reporting for Voter Education Project

In addition to the statistical information called for on VEP-2, we should like a brief narrative report monthly on the four following items for each county in which work is being done:

1. What is the attitude of the registrar's office toward Negro registration? If that attitude is hostile, specify what actions are taken by registrar personnel manifesting this hostility?

The attitude of the Registrar is very good.

2. Detail any harassment or intimidation of registrants or registration workers by public officials.

None

3. If there have been overt indications of resistance on the part of the white community in general to Negro registration specify what specific form this resistance has taken.

4. What reasons are given by people who refuse to participate as prospective registrants in the registration program?

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Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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None

2. Detail any harassment or intimidation of registrants or registration workers by public officials.

Not that I know of
The only thing that know is they turn
down because they were from a white
precinct. They turn down one man because
He did have a knife or tool - He was a machinist and truck
driver

3. If there have been overt indications of resistance on the part of the white community in general to Negro registration specify what specific form this resistance has taken.

And a Cop. And he had his
[illegible] kept
[illegible] that he [illegible]

Not that I know

4. What reasons are given by people who refuse to participate as prospective registrants in the registration program?

JAN 21 1964

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Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Pretty fair

2. Detail any harassment or intimidation of registrants or registration workers by public officials.

none

3. If there have been overt indications of resistance on the part of the white community in general to Negro registration specify what specific form this resistance has taken.

none

4. What reasons are given by people who refuse to participate as prospective registrants in the registration program?

Lack of Transportation most unregistered Persons live in remote areas in the County of Dorchester

Recd 9/10/64 WB JMF JS

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Voters Registration League

Period covered by this report: From July 6th to July 8th

Person reporting Vanuel Mitchell

P.O. Box 385 Ridgeland Jasper S.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: July 10th 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: District 1 Jasper County

1st Congressional District
Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 50

Number instructed at home 12

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places 25 a. Specify places

Churches

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 11 person

Number successfully registered by this project this week 10

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1160

Number of workers in the campaign 96

Remarks also 2 person went and got a duplicate. P.S. Negroes were served in all white resturant in Ridgeland sunday + monday with no incident

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Recd 9/10/64 WB- JMr JS

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Hampton Voter League

Period covered by this report: From 6-5- to 7-10-1964

Person reporting J. H. Hosley

Rte. 1, Box 133 Garnett, S.C. Hampton
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 7-10-1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Hampton

Precinte
Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 21

Number instructed at home 14

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places 70 a. Specify places in Street publick places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 18

Number successfully registered by this project this week 10

Number denied registration in this project this week 6

a. Reason for denial Cant read well

Number contacted by other means Club Churches

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 25

a. Reason for refusing to participate not invited

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 415

Number of workers in the campaign 11

Remarks We are doing our best to get as many people to reigsterd as possible.

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Rec'd 9/10/64 WB - JML JS

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Geo. Wash. Carver Voter's League

Period covered by this report: From June 1964 to July 1964

Person reporting Lewis H. Simmons

P.O. Box 371 Summerville Dorchester South Carolina
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: July 10, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Dorchester County
Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 97

Number instructed at home 60

Number instructed at clinics 43 — 4 workshops

Number instructed other places 57 a. Specify places

Portable Citizenship Work Shop for Dorchester County Remote Areas.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 27

Number successfully registered by this project this week 8 so far

Number denied registration in this project this week none

a. Reason for denial none

Number contacted by other means 90

a. Specify means S.C.L.C. Citizenship Schools for Dorchester County

Number refusing to participate none

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start Oct. 1963 as of July 10, 1964 — 334 Registered

Number of workers in the campaign 19

Remarks

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Recd 9/10/64 WB JM JS

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Voter Education Project

Period covered by this report: From _____ to _____

Person reporting Samuel Wigfall

Rte. 1, Box 10 — Huger — Berkeley — S.C.
Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: 7/10/64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Huger, S.C. Summerville, S.C. Jamestown, S.C. St. Stephen S.C. etc.

Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 25

Number instructed at home 10

Number instructed at clinics 50

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places Church Meetings.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 42

Number successfully registered by this project this week 42

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial _____

Number contacted by other means _____

a. Specify means _____

Number refusing to participate 50

a. Reason for refusing to participate None

~~Do not under Stand~~

Number of persons successfully registered since the start _____

Number of workers in the campaign 70

Remarks These are doing their best to get the more registers.

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Rec'd 9/10/64 WBW JM JS

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Allendale County Voters League

Period covered by this report: From June 5th to July 10th 1964

Person reporting Julius J. Freeds

Street Address P. O. Box 193 City Allendale County S.C. State

Date submitted: July 10-1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Township and Precinct

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 100

Number instructed at home 75

Number instructed at clinics 35

Number instructed other places 5-700 a. Specify places Churches Community meeting

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week We was disappointed thinks because of big crowds open for Registering until Aug.

Number successfully registered by this project this week 5

Number denied registration in this project this week none should have

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means Telephone 10

a. Specify means Or she stand any man

Number refusing to participate 2-300

a. Reason for refusing to participate some said has one other reason what going to mean to me

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 150

Number of workers in the campaign 10

Remarks We are having to set up more groups in other Precinct. We have that August will be big month We are working to stay and we do pose to have 15 days in August

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WD ✓
JM ✓
JS ✓
Dist.

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Hampton County Voter League

Period covered by this report: From 8-3 to 8-15-1964

Person reporting J. H. Hosley.

Rte. 1, Box 133 Garnett, S.C. Hampton
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 8-21-1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Hampton

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 60

Number instructed at home 20

Number instructed at clinics 42

Number instructed other places 18 a. Specify places road town community

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 8

Number successfully registered by this project this week 10

Number denied registration in this project this week 5

a. Reason for denial Cochrat Zuelly

Number contacted by other means by friend

a. Specify means mail telephone

Number refusing to participate 10

a. Reason for refusing to participate afraid

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 44

Number of workers in the campaign 11

Remarks we have done our best

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WB-
JM
JS

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: The Voters Educational Project

Period covered by this report: From July 24 1964 to August 24 1964

Person reporting Samuel Wigfall

Rte 1, Box 9B — Huger — Berkeley — S.C.
Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: August 24 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: ~~Berkeley County~~ Huger, S.C.

Cordesville S.C. Jamestown S.C.
Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass twenty five

Number instructed at home thirty

Number instructed at clinics fifteen

Number instructed other places twenty five, Specify places Church meetings Home

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 361

Number successfully registered by this project this week 361

Number denied registration in this project this week 10

a. Reason for denial No Transportation

Number contacted by other means fifty

a. Specify means Announcements

Number refusing to participate fifteen

a. Reason for refusing to participate do not understand

Number of persons successfully registered since the start

Number of workers in the campaign Seven

Remarks This is the Monthly report for August

3-29

556 Meighn Blvd.
Gadsden, Alabama
December 3, 1963

DEC 4 1963

Attorney Wiley Branton
5 Forsythe Street N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

This is in response to the telephone conversation on Monday evening, thanks very kindly for returning the call.

Your address here October 27, 1963 was most outstanding, and highly appreciated by the citizens of this community. It will be remembered. Your inspiring message has caused us to be more successful in our goal.

You ask me to give you in details our program. First, our treasure is almost exhausted. We have been operating from donations from churches and a few business men and well wishers.

We have names and addresses of some eight hundred persons that's not registered on our files. We have approximately eight thousand negroes in Etowah county that is not registered and is of voting age. We have approximately thirty-seven hundred registered voters here now.

We have only one paid worker and the rest are volunteered workers.

Enclosed you will find a proposed budget and we hope the necessary information needed for your consideration. If you need further information please phone ~~546-8941~~ Office hours 9:00 a. m. - 12:00 noon 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p. m. Mondays thru Fridays. You will also find an agenda for our monthly meeting. Any amount of this budget your office will consider will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Q. D. Adams
Q. D. Adams,
Ch. Voter Registration

Rev. W.A. Baskerville,
General President

QDA/rp

546-2443

BUDGET

MONTHLY BUDGET

RENT - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 40.00
LIGHTS - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2.00
WATER - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	3.50
TELEPHONE - - - - - - - - - - - - -	25.00
GAS - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	20.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES (Including Postage)	80.00
SALARY - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	100.00
MISCELLANEOUS - - - - - - - - - - - - (Transportation to Board of Registrars)	25.00
Total	$295.50

A G E N D A

GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITIZENS IMPROVEMENT
LEAGUE (VOTERS LEAGUE)
WEDNESDAY NIGHT - NOVEMBER 27, 1963 - 7:30 - 9:00 P. M.
COMMUNITY CENTER, TUSCALOOSA AVE.
VICE-PRESIDENT G. COATS, PRESIDING

Devotion - - - - - - - - - - - Rev. J. S. Dudley
Opening Remarks - - - - -Mr. Joseph Faulkner, President of East Gadsden Brotherhood
Reading of Last Minutes - - - - - - - - Mrs. Romaine Johnson
Report of the Organizer - - - - - - - - - - Mr. T. S. Gray
Program Chairman for November - - - - - - Mrs. Ruth Paulding
Report of the Activities of Units - - Unit Leaders
Report of Membership and Introduction of New Members - Mr. R. Avery
Ways and Means Committee - - - - - - - - - Mr. George Height
Publicity Committee - - - - - - - - - - - Mr. Wm. Johnson

Miscellaneous Period

Report of Units by Attendance

No. 1._____	No. 7. _____
No. 2._____	No. 8. _____
No. 3._____	No 9. _____
No. 4._____	No 10. _____
No. 5._____	No 11. _____
No. 6._____	No 12. _____

Total Attendance _____

Closing Remarks - - - - - - President Emeritus, Mr. F. Varner

WE APPRECIATE EACH ONE THAT HELPED US MAKE OUR NOVEMBER VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE A SUCCESS. WE WERE ABLE TO REGISTER MORE THAN 42 PERSONS THIS MONTH. PLEASE HELP US KEEP THE GOOD WORK UP.

BOOKS WILL BE OPEN FOR REGISTRATION DECEMBER 11 - 21, 1963
THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN SATURDAYS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS TO REGISTER
PLEASE DO YOUR PART IN HELPING GET MORE REGISTERED

Mrs. O. McAlpin will be in charge of the Program for January which will be January 29, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams - President
Mr. Grover Coats-Vice Pres.
Mr. Pasco Chatman - Treasurer
Mrs. Romaine Johnson - Secretary

Bernie 6,000 16,000 1,000,000

December 12, 1963

Mr. Q. D. Adams
556 Meighn Blvd.
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Adams:

Re VEP 3-~~00~~-30

We are enclosing voucher forms which are to be used to record all expenditures from the enclosed $300 and these should be forwarded to us at the end of your 10-day drive.

We are also enclosing an instruction sheet for reporting and those instructions which apply to your project are check-marked in red.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

enc.

December 12, 1963

Mr. Q. D. Adams
556 Meighn Blvd.
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Adams:

Re VRP 3-30

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 3, concerning a voter registration program in Gadsden, Alabama. We need to know how long yourpropose to conduct your drive and during what dates.

We think it best, in a small town, to run a short term project at scheduled intervals, rather than one continuous drive year-round. Upon receipt of the above information we will consider your application further.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

P.S. Since writing the above Mr. Blackwell has talked with you on the phone and informed us that your project will be running for the next ten days and, therefore, we are enclosing our check in the amount of $300. WAB

December 17, 1963

Mr. Q. D. Adams
556 Meighn Blvd 1907 E. Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

3-30

Dear Mr. Adams:

It is very important that we try to keep an accurate record of the exact number of persons who make application for registration each day, the number actually registered, and the number refused.

We are enclosing some progress report forms which we would like for you to fill out at the end of your current drive and get the report back to us by January 1, 1964. You will please note that we are interested in the attitude of the registrars and other problems which you may encounter on one report form, and we want statistical information on the other form.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc.

WAB
RTB
JL

JAN 4 1964

1907 East Broad Steet
East Gadsden, Alabama
January 3, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter and check of December 31, 1963.

Our plans for our registration drive is ten (10) days in January, which begin January 6, 1964 and 10 days in February.

We were in great need of finance and we appreciate your help greatly. We are very grateful to you and Mr. Blackwell for considering us and as soon as our Drive is over for the ten (10) days in January we will send vouchers of expenses.

Very truly yours,

Q. D. Adams

Q. D. Adams

QDA/lg

3-30

VEP 3-30

JAN 17 1964

WB ✓
BW ✓
RTB
LG ✓
JS

556 Meighn Blvd.
Gadsden, Alabama
January 15, 1964

Attorney Wiley Brannon
Voter Education Project
Room 206 - 5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Atty Brannon:

This is to acknowledge your letters of January 6 and 14th.

We are in the midst of our ten day Registration Drive which closes Friday, January 17, 1964 for this period.

We are having some trouble with persons applying the second and third time. We have called the Justice Department. Their representative have been here two or three days.

We will send you a report of our achivements and vouchers for the same at the end of this Drive also our budget for the next period. Thanks for the memorandum and calender and all considerations.

Best regards to you and your staff.

Yours truly,
Q D Adams
Q. D. Adams

QDA/lg

VEP 3-30

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INSTALLATION SERVICES

OF THE

GADSDEN CHRISTIAN CITIZENS COMMITTEE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1964

5:00 P. M.

ST. JOHN C. M. E. CHURCH

821 Ave. C.

Gadsden, Alabama

REV. W. A. BASKERVILLE, PASTOR

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P R O G R A M

Devotion conducted by - Rev. L. A. Warren
and Bishop G. W. Garrison

Music - - - - - - Antioch Jr. Choir

Welcome - - - - - - - - - Mr. Q. D. Adams

Music - - - - - - Antioch Jr. Choir

Occasion - - - - - Rev. H. J. Hoyt

Finance Appeal - - Dr. J. W. Stewart

Music - - - - - Antioch Jr. Choir

Introduction of Speaker - Rev. Leonard Huggs

Installation Speaker - Rev. C. T. Vivian,
Director of Affiliates of SCLC
Atlanta, Georgia

Music - - - - - - - - - Antioch Jr. Choir

Closing Remarks and Benediction -
Rev. W. A. Baskerville, Pres. GCCC

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O F F I C E R S

PRESIDENT - REV. W. A. BASKERVILLE
VICE-PRESIDENT - BISHOP G. W. GARRISON
SECOND VICE-PRES.- REV. H. J. HOYT
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" VOTER OF REGISTRATION- MR. Q.D. ADAMS
" NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION -
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" PUBLIC RELATION - MR. JOSEPH FAULKNER
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MRS. LUELLA GARRISON

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AND MR. JAMES WILLS

FINANCE - MR. JOHNNY FORD
MR. JAMES WILLS
MR. Q. D. ADAMS
DR. J. W. STEWART
REV. W.A. BASKERVILLE

THE FREEDOM PLEDGE

I AM AN AMERICAN, A FREE AMERICAN
FREE TO SPEAK - WITHOUT FEAR
FREE TO WORSHIP GOD IN MY OWN WAY
FREE TO STAND FOR WHAT I THINK IS RIGHT
FREE TO OPPOSE WHAT I BELEIVE WRONG
FREE TO CHOOSE THOSE WHO GOVERN MY COUNTRY.

This heritage of freedom I pledge to uphold for myself and all mankind.

SLOGAN

" OPEN A SAVINGS ACCOUNT INSTEAD OF A CREDIT ACCOUNT FOR 1964 "

15,000 copies

NEWS LETTER
January 10, 1964

ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!!

A SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL
CITIZENS OF ETOWAH COUNTY

STOP BEGGING AND START VOTING

YOU ONLY HAVE FIVE (5) DAYS TO REGISTER IN
ORDER TO VOTE IN ANY ELECTION IN
1964

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YOU MUST PAY YOUR POLL TAX BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1964

FAILING TO PAY MEANS YOU WILL NOT HAVE A
VOICE IN ANY ELECTION ! ! ! !

IF YOU DON'T VOTE DON'T SQUAWK!!

REGISTER NOW!!

BE A FIRST CLASS CITIZEN

ANY PERSON WHO BECAME 45 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE
OCTOBER 1, 1962 DOES NOT OWE ANY POLL TAX.

CITIZEN IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE OF
ETOWAH COUNTY
(VOTERS LEAGUE)

Q. D. ADAMS - PRESIDENT

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NEWS LETTER
Janaary 4, 1964

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!

A SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL
CITIZENS OF ETOWAH COUNTY

PAY YOUR POLL TAX NOW!!! YOU ONLY HAVE 20 DAYS TO PAY YOUR POLL TAX.

FAILING TO PAY YOUR POLL TAX MEANS YOU CANNOT VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OR ANY OTHER PRIMARY IN ETOWAH COUNTY.

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO
NON-REGISTERED VOTERS!!!

YOU CAN PAY YOUR POLL TAX NOW AND REGESTER LATER

THE REGISTRARS OFFICE WILL BE OPEN 10 DAYS, BEGINNING JANUARY 6 and closes JANUARY 17, 1964.

OUR GOAL FOR THESE 10 DAYS IS 250 PERSONS AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ACCOMPLISH.

CITIZEN IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE OF
ETOWAH COUNTY
(VOTERS LEAGUE)

Q. D. ADAMS - PRESIDENT

3-30

JAN 22 1964

WBV

1907 East Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama
January 21, 1964

JAN 22 1964

Atty. Wily A. Branton
5Forsythe Street N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Atty. Branton:

In reply to your letter of January 20th, you inquired the difference in the Citizen Improvement League of Gadsden and the Gadsden Christian Citizen Committee. The Gadsden Christian Citizen Committee was organized about a year and a half ago for the purpose of some negotiations for intergration and it is an affiliate member of the SCLC, it has a four point program and I was elected chairman of Voter Registration of the GCCC.

The Citizen Improvement League is an organization designed to improve your citizenship by registration and voting, and political issues of which I serve as its third president. Rev. S. M. Bradford served 20 years and F. D. Varner served 10 years and I am serving on my 1st year.

Both of these organizations work closely together here in the city. The Voter League put forth all efforts for registration and voting. The President of the G.C.C.C. is the Rev. W. A. Baskerville and I am President of the Citizen Improvement League.

Yours truly,

Q. D. Adams

QDA/lg

VEP 3-30

1-27-64

January 20, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
1907 E. Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Adams:

Re VEP 3-30

Attached to your letter of January 15 was a program for the installation services of the Gadsden Christian Citizens Committee and I note that you are chairman of the voter registration committee.

Will you please explain to me the difference between the Citizenship Improvement League and the Gadsden Christian Citizens Committee. We would like to have this information for our research files and we would appreciate your giving us the names of the key officers of both organizations and tell us something of the purposes of each organization and their methods of operation.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

January 22, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
1907 East Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

RE: VEP 3-30

Dear Mr. Adams:

On December 17, 1963, Mr. Branton wrote to you and requested that the progress report forms we sent you be filled out at the end of your current drive, and returned to us by January 1.

If you will recall, he also asked that the attitude of the registrars and any other opposition you have encountered by recorded on Form 4, and the statistical information on Form 2. This is necessary to complete the reporting requirements.

We are in the midst of preparing our Annual Report, and it is imperative that we receive this information in order to include the Citizens Improvement League and its accomplishments in our report. Since I am sure you want to be included, will you please let us hear from you within one week upon the receipt of this letter?

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara Whitaker
Research Assistant

BW:jz

Form VEP-2

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Citizens Improvement League — Organization
R. D. Adams — Person reporting

556 Meigs Blvd — Street Address
Gadsden — City
Etowah — County
Alabama — State

Period covered by this report:
From Dec 4 1963 to Dec 14 1963

Date submitted: Jan. 23, 1964

Election District to which this report applies: _____ Etowah County — Ward, Beat, etc. _____ Precinct, election district, etc.

Day of the month:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
No.* contacted by door-to-door canvass		17	20	10			13			10		8	9			10		20		15	12		9		16	18		11		16
No.* contacted by other means (specify means) telephone		5		2			3						8					6					5			7				10
No.* refusing to participate							2	2																						
No.* instructed at home																														
No.* instructed at other places (specify places)		10					5			26		12		At	Lopez	Office		Clerics					15					9		
No.* applying for registration as a result of this program																														
No.* successfully registered by this project																														
No.* denied registration																														

Number of persons that we have record of 51
For the period of ten days we have record of 35 persons
No person denied 16

*Persons of voting age

3-30

Recd 1/25/64

WB ✓
JS ✓
LG
BW ✓
JS ✓
JL ✓
RTB ✓
JS
JL ✓

556 Meighn Blvd.
Gadsden, Alabama
January 24, 1964

Atty. Wiley A. Branton
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Atty. Branton:

Please find enclosed records of our activities for December, 1963 and January, 1964. These records are not 100% accurate due to the fact some workers did not keep accurate accounts of their activities, and the clubs and P.T.A. have not submitted accurate reports. We have record of 131 persons that received certificates and are eligible to vote now from this drive for the two months. We feel safe to say there are some 60 persons whom we do not have record of.

BW - 131 / 60 / 191

Can we say 191? WB

Through the effort of the Citizen Improvement League contacting Clubs, Fraternal Organizations, P.T.A., etc, there have been some several hundred persons touched. We still have some 600 names and addresses of potential voters in our file.

We are suffering for conscientious volunteer workers, which we hope to be able to influence soon. We promise to have a more accurate report in the future.

We deeply appreciate your cooperation and aid you have given us and we plan to continue our drive for February and March. We have some supplies on hand and $41.10 in the bank.

In your letter you ask us to submit our budget and plans, please find attached.

Sincerely yours,
Q. D. Adams
Q. D. Adams

VEP 3-30

Form VEP-2

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Citizen Improvement Legue — Organization
Q.D. Adams — Person reporting
556 Meighn Blvd. — Street Address
Gadsden — City
Etowah — County
Alabama — State

Period covered by this report: From Jan 6 to Jan 17

Date submitted: _____

Election District to which this report applies: _____ _____ Ward, Beat, etc. _____ Precinct, election district, etc.

Day of the month:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
No.* contacted by door-to-door canvass		19	37			18	37	50	75	10			50	30	65	82	100													
No.* contacted by other means (specify means)		1500						1500																						
No.* refusing to participate																														
No.* instructed at home																														
No.* instructed at other places (specify places)						10	3	12	10				4	7	15															
No.* applying for registration as a result of this program						We have record of about 146																								
No.* successfully registered by this project						For the period of Ten Days we have record of 96																								
No.* denied registration						We have record of 50																								

*Persons of voting age

other means of contact were by Circulars and leaflets — 3,000

3-30

Form VEP-4

Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Additional Reporting for Voter Education Project

In addition to the statistical information called for on VEP-2, we should like a brief narrative report monthly on the four following items for each county in which work is being done:

1. What is the attitude of the registrar's office toward Negro registration? If that attitude is hostile, specify what actions are taken by registrar personnel manifesting this hostility?

Not Good
Shows partially between races

2. Detail any harassment or intimidation of registrants or registration workers by public officials.

Threaten to jail witness, Witness Can only Witness for a certain number a day

3. If there have been overt indications of resistance on the part of the white community in general to Negro registration specify what specific form this resistance has taken.

They haven't indicated any resistance

4. What reasons are given by people who refuse to participate as prospective registrants in the registration program?

(1) Attitude of The Board (2) Lack of interest (3) Shortage of Volunteer workers to help promote the registration drive

3-30

Rec'd 1/25/64

WB

556 Meighn Blvd.
Gadsden, Alabama
February 7, 1964

Mrs. Jean Levine:

This is to confirm the telephone conversation we had monday, concerning the report.

We are very sorry you could not understand it also we apologize for not sending the budget and the plans for our Voter Registration program.

The checking account we have with the bank, the agreement is we get statements every 90 days. I was able to pick up most of the canceled checks which you will find enclosed, of course there are some checks that's still out.

I hope that these cancelled checks will enable you to close your account.

We are in the midst of our Voter Registration Drive this week and our plans are to continue thru March, as we have several hundred names on our file of non-registered voters.

You will find our budget attached.

Yours very truly,

Q. D. Adams

QDA/lg

3-30

MONTHLY BUDGET

RENT -	$ 40.00
Telephone Bill - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	26.15
Office Supplies - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	33.00
Salary - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	100.00
Stamps and Postage - - - - - - - - - - -	20.00
Miscellaneous Expenses - - - - - - - - -	25.00
Transportation to Registrar's Office	20.00
	264.15

2/3/64

In a phone conversation this a.m.
Mr. Adams stated no bank statement
would be forthcoming on their account
since they only got one every 3 months.
He agreed to ask for one even if they
had an extra charge for it and agreed
to send bank statement and cancelled checks.
He told me they had been putting all their
funds received into this bank account.

jl

Read
2-12-64

2-10-64
~~2-3-64~~

Then correct acct. card, ledger sheets & file ledger. Close?

January 27, 1964

Mr. O. D. Adams
556 Meighn Blvd.
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Adams:

Re VEP 3-30

In your letter to Mr. Branton, of January 24, you stated that you were enclosing a budget and plans which we did not find attached.

We did, however, receive two vouchers in that mailing which were marked to indicate that they were to cover your December and January expenditures. They totalled $476.99, although we had only sent you $300.00, and yet you state in this letter that you have $41.10 remaining in your VEP bank account.

We are returning these vouchers to you with the request that you examine them for error and send us whatever corrections are necessary, along with the cancelled checks and bank statements from your account so that we may close our books on this account.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

enc. 2

1-31-64

January 6, 1964

Mr. O. D. Adams
1907 E. Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Adams:

Re VEP 3-30

Because of the delay experienced in getting the grant check to you we are extending the reporting deadline on your financial phase of the program until January 31, 1964. We understand, also, that you will not be actively working during a ten-day period in January which will affect progress reporting, too.

Mr. Branton has asked me to tell you, however, that any progress reports you might get to us earlier than the end of January would be valuable to him in assessing any possible future VEP support to your project.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

~~12-27-63~~

Final financial
Reporting due on VEP 3-30
(Gadsden).

WAB —
Is this permanently closed?
If so, do final accounting
& close file & ledgers.

February 18, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
1907 East Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Adams:

Thank you for the recent financial reporting and the cancelled checks which I am returning to you for your files.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

enc.

3-30

M E M O R A N D U M February 18, 1964

TO: WAB
FROM: JL
RE: VEP 3-30
(Citizens Improvement League - Gadsden)

This is the final audit on the subject program and the expenditures are itemized below as follows:

Grant:

12/12/63 $300.00

Expenditures:

Meals	$ 23.90	
Office Rent	80.00	
Office Supplies	28.16	
Salaries	85.25	
Tel. & Tel.	34.63	
Tran. & Trav.	38.00	
Bank Charges	2.50	
Total Expenditures		292.44
Balance unaccounted for		$ 7.56

Ordinarily I would ask for your instructions regarding the balance unaccounted for, but you will remember that this is the project which mixed all its funds from other sources into the same bank account with VEP funds and I feel rather certain that I might have difficulty making them understand why they owe us the $7.56. Do you agree that we should just write this off?

Yes WB

jl

BW
what were the results of VEP 3-30?
WB

December, January: 191
B.W.

FEB 24 1964

556 Meighn Blvd.
Gadsden, Alabama
February 21, 1964

Mrs. Jean Levine
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Levine:

I received the News Release, the Results of VEP Program sheet in your last letter along with the cancelled Checks.

We plan to continue our Drive thru March, of course we have some deficiency as that matter. We hope to be able to raise some money or if your office can send us some, it would be appreciated.

Yours truly,
Q. D. Adams
Mr. Q. D. Adams

QDA/lg

VEP 3-30

N O T I C E! N O T I C E! N O T I C E!

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CITIZENS IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE, FEBRUARY 26, 1964, 7:00 P. M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON TUSCALOOSA AVENUE.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS

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1. WE WILL ADD MEMBERS TO THE FACTS FINDING COMMITTEE TO STUDY CANDIDATES FOR THE MAY 5th PRIMARY.

2. SETTING UP CLINICS IN ALL PARTS OF THE COMMUNITY IN ETOWAH COUNTY TO INFORM THE SEVERAL HUNDRED NEW VOTERS.

3. ANY PERSON WISHING TO VOTE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT MUST APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS AT ANY REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING BEFORE MARCH 1, 1964.

4. A PROSPECTIVE VOTER WHO BECAME 45 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1962 DOES NOT OWE ANY POLL TAX.

5. A PROSPECTIVE VOTER WHO BECAME 21 YEARS OF AGE AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1963 OWES NO POLL TAX.

REGISTER NOW
REGISTRARS OFFICE OPENS MARCH 2 - 6,
AND EVERY FIRST MONDAY THEREAFTER
UNTIL OCTOBER, 1964.

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ALL PERSONS THAT'S REGISTERED IN THE PAST YEAR ARE URGED TO ATTEND THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE CITIZENS IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE UNTIL AFTER THE MAY PRIMARY AND THE ELECTION. IMPORTANT INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN.

Q. D. ADAMS, PRESIDENT

March 4, 1964

Mr. O. D. Adams
556 Meighn Blvd.
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Adams:

Re VEP 3-30

We are pleased to inform you that we have decided to make you a supplemental grant in the amount of $300 to continue your registration program for at least another month in Gadsden and we enclose our check for that amount.

We recall from previous correspondence that you had mixed funds from VEP with monies raised locally and you must not do this in the future as nothing should be deposited to the account that you put VEP money into. If you have another account which you put money into which you raise locally then you should open an entirely separate account solely for the use of VEP funds.

The same restrictions, conditions and reporting requirements are imposed upon this grant as upon the previous one.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc.

MAR 13 1964

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BW

1907 East Broad St.
East Gadsden, Ala.
March 10, 1964

Atty. Wiley Brandon
Room 206 - 5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Atty. Brandon:

We received the check and appreciate your consideration very much. We followed your instructions of depositing the check in a seperate account as you requested.

We are now tied up with the Board of Registrars and a Mr. Frank C. Cooksey from the Dept of Justice of the Civil Rights Division. In our last Drive we had several persons who we carried back for the second time to register. One question of the Test illiteracy Test states, Have you previously applied for and been denied registration as a voter, if so state facts? Some of the persons answered No but they had been and applied. They passed this time and their names were placed on the roll of Registered Voters and they were given Certificates. Members of the Board went back and found that they had applied before and sent them letters removing their names from the roll. They had also paid their Poll Tax. Mr. Cooksey is here for this purpose.

As soon as we can finish with this we will send the report of our activities to you.

Sincerely yours,

Q. D. Adams

QDA/lg

3-30

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JS

Attached registration form is duplicate of one received earlier from Bernice Johnson

1907 E. Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama
March 18, 1964

Mrs. Barbara I. Whitaker
Room 206 / 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

This is to confirm the telephone conversation we had monday. Enclosed find this new Registration Blank that's used in all 67 counties in Alabama.

This thing has slowed us down. Any help you can give us will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Q. D. Adams

QDA/lg

Enclosure:

March 27, 1964

Mr. O. D. Adams
1907 East Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Adams:

Re VEP 3-30

I am returning to you enclosed the cancelled checks and bank statement for the period ending March 19, 1964, for your files.

We must call to your attention again that the terms of our grants are such that no funds from sources other than the Voter Education Project may be deposited into these special bank accounts. Your bank statement reflects a deposit of $25.00 on March 19, which indicates that this restriction is not being complied with. You will remember that I discussed this with you on the telephone some weeks back. Our own tax-exempt status is contingent upon our insistence that these terms be respected.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

enc.

3-30

1907 East Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama
March 20, 1964

Mrs. Jean Levine
5 Forsyth Street N. W
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Levine:

Please find enclosed canceled checks and Bank Statement of money sent us by your office that was deposited in a seperate account.

We had some bills that was lingering since January and were able to catch them up with the last money sent us by your office. All checks are in but one for Crane and Parker Office Supplies in the amount of $26.19. The Bank Statement shows a balance of $36.44 but with the one check out we actually have a balance of $10.25.

We appreciate the money sent us by your office it has helped us to carry on our Voter's Drive in a big way.

One member of the Board is very liberal and has given us information that might cause us to move on with our Registration program. We have also secured a book that's going to help us a great deal.

Sincerely,

Q. D. Adams

Q. D. Adams

QDA/lg

April 3, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
President
Citizens Improvement League
1907 East Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Adams:

RE VEP 3-30

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 28 to Mrs. Levine and will confirm our telephone conversation of today. We are enclosing our check in the amount of $300 which represents a supplemental grant for the continuation of the Gadsden registration program during the period April 1 through April 30, 1964.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc. 1

Catalogue Support - Leroy
Q. D. Adams, Pres.
Sign Check: Pres.
Mrs. Lucille Hanson Sec.

MAR 30 1964

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1907 East Broad St.
East Gadsden, Ala.
March 28, 1964

Mrs. Jean Levine
Room 206 / 5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Levine:

We received your letter today, thanks for the statement and cancelled checks for our record.

The $25.00 referred to in your letter was my personal cash and it was deposited to keep the record straight, for a trip made to Montgomery, for one car and four persons.

We have called a meeting of all ministers in the city and have the committment of about 14 ministers to give their full support of a registration Drive for the next 90 days. Each minister has committed himself that he will have at least 3 workers in his church to help with the registration.

We are still in need of funds and if your office can give us any aid we will appreciate it, because we have just about got all the money we can get around here.

Sincerely,

Q. D. Adams

Q. D. Adams

QDA/lg

APR 8 1964

1907 East Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama
April 6, 1964

Mrs. Jean Levine
5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Levine:

This letter is to acknowledge the receipt of the check of which we appreciate very much.

Sincerely,

Q. D. Adams

Q. D. Adams

3-30

Rec'd

April 23, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
1907 East Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

RE: VEP 3-30

Dear Mr. Adams:

We note from our records that we have received no research reporting from you since January. We would appreciate your letting us know what registration and voter education activities the Citizens Improvement League has engaged in since that time.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

APR 29 1964

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RTB
JS

1907 E. Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama
April 25, 1964

Mrs. Barbara L. Whitaker
Room 206/ 5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atalanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

In reference to your letter of April 23, 1964, we would like to report that the Citizens Improvement League's voter education activities and registration has engaged in since January.

We have had on a big Registration Campaign which so far has done nicely. We were able through this campaign to get certificates for 38 in February, 1964, only 3 in March because that's the time the registration blanks were changed and it was hard for us to get anybody through. Since they have begun changing blanks every month, it is hard to get our people through, but during the month of April we were able to do a little better because we had a little help of the Board and we were able to register 12. The others carried were turned down.

We are also happy to report our set-up of Volunteer Workers for our Registration Drive. We have them in five groups: Labor, Domestic, Business, Professional and Religious. We feel this will be a great help in our Registration Drive.

We thank you and your office for the assistance, it has helped us keep our office open.

Sincerely,

R. D. Adams

VEP 3-30

APR 29 1964

1907 E. Broad Street
East Gadsden, Ala.
April 28, 1964

Mrs. J. Levine
Room 206 / 5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Levine:

Please find enclosed canceled checks and Bank Statement.

Mr. Blackwell was by our office the early part of the month during our registration Drive and he approved our program and thought we had a very good set-up. We have workers listed in five groups for our drive with a chairman for each group. They are as following: Labor, Domestic, Business, Professional, and Religious. With it set up this way, it has helped us very much.

Our next drive is set for May 6,7,8,11, and 12th. we are looking forward to a better showing for the Month of May.

Sincerely,

Q. D. Adams

Q. D. Adams

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MAY 15 1964

1907 East Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama
May 13, 1964

Atty. Wiley Branton
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation. You ask for a letter concerning our program.

We have planned a three (3) months Drive. We closed a Drive and a Primary of May 5th, which we did a wonderful job getting our people out to vote.

Enclosed is some leaflets that we used and a Newspaper clipping of a Candidate that we defeated. He is pointing up a voting box that is 90% Negro. And you can see from the clipping what happen. This same thing has happen with the other candidates.

Now concerning our budget, please find attached, a budget based on our last months expenses, only we have a balance from last month expense of $69.00. For the month of May, we were able to register 36 persons. We hope to be able to do a better job in our Big three month Registration Drive coming up.

Sincerely,

R. D. Adams

VEP 3-30

EXPENSE FOR MAY, 1964

RENT	$ 40.00
TELEPHONE BILL	22.00
SECRETARY	100.00
LIGHT BILL	8.00
WATER BILL	4.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	35.00
GAS	65.00
MISCELLANEOUS	45.00
	$319.00

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FORTH COMING ELECTION

TO ALL CLINIC CHAIRMANS:

THIS IS A PROPOSED AGENDA FOR INSTRUCTING NEW VOTERS. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR 15 or 20 PERSONS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO ATTEND YOUR CLINIC, WITH REFRESHMENTS SERVED. KEEP YOUR EXPENSE AT A MINIMUM. TURN ALL EXPENSE TO MR. Q. D. ADAMS.

A G E N D A

1. DEVOTION PERIOD
2. PURPOSE OF MEETING
3. DISTRIBUTE OF LITERATURE
4. CLASSES ON HOW TO MAKE APPROACH
5. MAKING SELECTIONS ON PHONE CALLING
6. GETTING VOTERS TO VOTE
7. CAR POOLS
8. HOUSEWIVES TO DRIVE
9. GAS FOR CARS

PLEASE ARRANGE FOR A SUCCESSFUL CLINIC BECAUSE WE MUST GET OUR FOLK TO VOTE.

Q. D. ADAMS, PRESIDENT

CITIZEN IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE
(VOTER LEAGUE)

FACTS FINDING COMMITTEE

THESE ARE FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

THE ETOWAH COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE DID NOT SCHEDULE A RALLEY FOR NEGROES.

I. The responsibility of this Committee is to study the Records of (Candidates) Persons running for public Offices, and to be voted on COUNTY AND STATE wide Basis.

II. The High Office of Circuit Judge, the man who will set in judgement on you, will not be in Run Off. You will elect him May 5th.

III. To Get FACTS AND REPORT your Finding to CLINIC CHAIRMAN OR UNIT LEADERS, MONDAY NIGHT MAY 4TH.

IV. There are Candidates who refuse to give Negro Voters Material, such as matches, cards, etc.

V. There are some talk of Candidates who do not want Negro Votes. LET US NOT VOTE FOR OR INTRUDE on such Persons.

DO YOUR BEST, THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF VOTERS DEPENDING ON YOU.

Q. D. ADAMS, PRESIDENT

IS THIS THE REWARD For Performance Of Duty?

Tony Reynolds' performance of duty during the Summer demonstrations, in which several hundred demonstrators were arrested, was an honest and responsible execution of his responsibility as Chief Deputy Sheriff. He makes NO APOLOGY for what is required of him by law to protect lives and property in Etowah County!

Gadsden Time Paper Tuesday, May 12, 1964

CONSTABLE

	BONDS	NOLLIN	REYNOLDS
11-A Johnson Furniture (Tuscaloosa Avenue)	7	256	31

In the box shown above, and seven other large predominately Negro boxes in Etowah County, the demonstrators fully repaid TONY REYNOLDS for doing his sworn duty!

ELECT

TONY REYNOLDS

CONSTABLE

of ETOWAH COUNTY

Paid Political Adv. by Friends of Tony Reynolds

CITIZEN IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE
(VOTER LEAGUE)

DEAR VOTERS OF ETOWAH COUNTY:

YOU DID A WONDERFUL JOB IN THE MAY 5TH PRIMARY IN GETTING ALL THE PERSONS IN THE RUN-OFF THAT YOU VOTED FOR.

NOW JUNE 2ND WE MUST ELECT THE MAN FOR THE JOB. WE MUST DO THIS BY GETTING EVERY VOTER OUT TO VOTE.

THIS ACTION SHOULD SERVE AS A STIMULUS TO GET NON-REGISTERED PERSONS TO REGISTER AND VOTE. AFTER READING THE GADSDEN TIMES PAPER, TUESDAY, MAY 12th, PAGE 2, DON'T YOU THINK OUR VOTE COUNT? THEY DO, THEY KNOW IT COUNT.

WE ARE LAUNCHING A BIG THREE(3) MONTHS REGISTRATION DRIVE BEGINNING JUNE 1-5, JULY 6-10, and AUGUST 3-7, 1964 the REGISTRAR'S OFFICE WILL BE OPEN.

WE ARE ASKING ALL CLINIC DIRECTORS TO GET READY FOR THE BIG PUSH! ! !

Q. D. ADAMS, PRESIDENT

May 18, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
1907 East Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

RE: VEP 3-30

Dear Mr. Adams:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 13, in which you inform me that you plan a three-month registration drive in Gadsden. I am of the opinion that VEP cannot make a supplemental grant for your county at this time, but we may be in a position to give you some more money around the end of June to enable you to get a large number of people registered during the first week in July when the books should be open in your county for about five or six days straight.

Please write and let us know how many days you can register in your county in June, July, and August, and also give us the datem, if you can find out when they will be.

I appreciate the fact that you sent us some of the literature which the Citizens Improvement League has been circulating in connection with the recent primary. I assume that all of this literabure was not prepared from VEP funds, as some of it has a tendency to be a little partisan, and VEP funds cannot be used in support of or in opposition to, any political candidates or party.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

WB

JUN 8 - 1964

1907 E. Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama
June 4, 1964

Atty. W. Branton
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Atty. Branton:

I received your letter yesterday, and thanks for the explanation concerning this Mr. Williams. He didn't hurt us or our program but he did make it a little unpleasant for some of our workers.

We held election Tuesday and we elected every candidate the Citizen Improvement League endorsed, which was very gratifying. It served as a stimulant to get persons to register. We registered Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week and 27 persons' names were placed on the registrar's roll.

We have several persons to carry down Monday and Tuesday of next week. Thank you very kindly again, for your letter and we are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Q. D. Adams

VEP 3-30

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RtB
JS

June 4, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
1907 E. Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

RE: VEP 3-30

Dear Mr. Adams:

Your letter of June 2 disturbed me to no end, as I knew immediately that you had been visited by someone who had no authority from the Voter Education Project. We immediately got in touch with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee office, and learned that they have a young man working with SNCC in Selma by the name of Alvery Williams. I then got in touch with Mr. Williams by phone in Selma, and asked why he represented to you that VEP had sent him to Gadsden. He informed me that Mr. Blackwell had told him to go and check on the program. Mr. Blackwell is out of the city, but I am satisfied that Mr. Blackwell never gave this man any such authority that I proceeded to tell him such, and to warn him never to misrepresent his involvement with VEP again.

We are sorry if you were embarrassed or insulted, but we want you to know that this was not our doing. As a general rule, we make it a practice of giving the few people who do special work for us a letter of introduction which they are to show to peopleworking with us in the field, and this rule will be followed by persons who are not likely to be known by reason of previous correspondence or association.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jm

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RTB

JUN 4 - 1964

1907 E. Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama
June 2, 1964

Atty. Wiley Branton
5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Atty. Branton:

A young man, Mr. Alvery Williams, was in our office Monday, June 1, 1964, saying he was representing you. He also stated you sent him from Selma, Alabama to check on our activity. He seemed very much disturbed, because we were not getting from 80 to 100 persons a week registered, also he said we should have students knocking on every door in Etowah county.

We would like to make it crystal clear that school is just out this week and we could not pull students out of the class rooms to preform in a registration Drive. The students are organized and we plan to get them to help us in this Three Month Drive we have on now.

He also stated that you had not heard from this office of our activities. We were under the impression that in communicating with you and your Secretary that you were well informed. Mr. Blackwell spent several hours in our office and he has a copy of our organization, along with a copy we sent you. Our organization consist of the following: Ministers, Labor, Domestic, and professional. These persons are the leading people of Etowah county and we feel like we are doing a good job. We average about 35 persons a week and the Registrar's office is open one week each month. You know that in Alabama they change the Registration form every time the Registrar's office is open.

Our office is open to any representative and we welcome people to come in, you or Mr. Blackwell, or anybody else, but this young man was almost an insult to the staff. If any further information you might need, call on me or any member of our organization.

Sincerely,

Q. D. Adams

VEP - 3-30

June 11, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
1907 E. Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Adams:

I wrote you on May 18 and requested information as to the actual dates when it will be possible for one to register in your county. during the months of June, July, and August. I have not received a reply to this letter and am requesting that you send me this information as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

watch date

JUN 25 1964

1907 East Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama
June 23, 1964

Mrs. Jean Levine
Room 206/5 Forsyth St.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Levine:

In reference to your letter of June 19, 1964, your question was, have we made expenditures from the account since May 2, the answer is yes. You also ask How much? And What for? The amount of $25.00 for the Secretary.

Sincerely,

Q. D. Adams

VEP 3-30

6-27-64

June 19, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
1907 E. Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Adams:

Apparently you misunderstood the intent of my letter of May 27. I am aware of your bank balance on May 2. What I need to know is have you made expenditures from this bank account since May 2? If so, how much? What for?

May I have an early reply to these questions. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

JUN 15 1964

1907 E. Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama
June 4, 1964

Mrs. Jean Levine
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. Levine:

We sent you the Bank Balance with the cancelled checks on May 2, 1964. The balance left was $30.00.

In receipt of your letter of May 28, 1964, you referred to $22.00 unaccounted for, our record don't show any definiency.

Sincerely,

J. D. Adams

6-6-64

May 27, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
1907 E. Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Adams:

On May 2, we received our last financial accounting from your project which left a balance of $22.54 unaccounted for. May we now have the accounting for this balance so that we can close our books on this account.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

WB/
JM

June 30, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
Citizens Improvement League
1907 East Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

RE: VEP 3-30

Dear Mr. Adams:

In reviewing your program, it appears that the results which you obtained in June were very low in that you were only able to register thirty-three (33) persons, even though you had five days in which to register.

VEP has decided to concentrate in those areas where meaningful registration can be obtained with a minimum amount of money, and it appears that Gadsden does not fall into that category. We have decided, however, to make you a supplemental grant in the amount of $200 in support of your July registration program when there will be several days in which registration is possible. It is quite likely that this will be the last financial grant VEP will make to your project, but this is subject to review, and will be influenced by your July results.

Our check in the amount of $200 is enclosed herein.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

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JM

1907 East Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama
July 27, 1964

JUL 28 1964

Mrs. Barbara Whitaker
Room 206 / 5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

Please find enclosed canceled checks and a report of our activities of July.

returned 8/1/64

We are very sorry our report is late but we are behind with the Secretary's salary and we only have a part time secretary now, to cut down on expense.

We registered Seventy-one(71) persons and contacted approximately 181. We have names and addresses of some 300 non-registered persons.

The Registrar's office will be open August 3-7, at which time we hope to do our best, altho we are out of funds and behind in rent.

Very truly yours,

Q. D. Adams

Q. D. Adams

VEP 3-30

WB-
BW

JUN 25 1964

1907 East Broad St.
East Gadsden, Alabama
June 23, 1964

Atty. W. A. Branton
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Atty. Branton:

The Etowah County Voter's League is launching its big Registration Drive July 6 - 10, 1964. We have advertised this the best we could. We have several volunteer workers including Students knocking on doors. Announcements are being made in some forty churches sunday.

We have been operating in the red for the last month and a half, we are looking forward to some aid from your office, if any way possible. We are in desperate need.

We also have the sample questionnaire form for the month of July.

Sincerely,

Q. B. Adams

VEP 3-30

Rec'd 6/13/64
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BW
JS

1907 East Broad St.
East Gadsden, Alabama
June 12, 1964

Atty. Wiley Branton
5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Atty. Branton:

I received your letter today requesting information concerning the date the registrar's office would be open for June, July, and August. I am very sorry but we sent you that information upon your request some three weeks ago.

We are happy to give you this information again. The Registrar's office was open June 3,4,5,8,9, at which time we placed on the Registrar's roll some thirty-three(33) persons. We had Seven (7) rejected. For the month of July the registrar's office will be open the 6th - 10th , August 3 - 7, 1964. We have circulated some 5,000 Leaflets to that effect.

Enclosed you will find some literature on our activity. We set up a big three months Registration Drive for June, July, and August.

Sincerely,

C. D. ADAMS

Over 2254 occurring
last week May 2

VEP 3-30

CITIZEN IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE
(VOTER LEAGUE)

TUSCALOOSA AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER, GADSDEN
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1964 - 7:30 P.M.

Devotion - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Rev. J. S. Dudley

Opening Remarks - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Mr. George Heigh

Reading of Minutes - - - - - - - - Mrs. Rosemaine Johnson

Setting up Clinics for the Following Places: For Monday Night, June 1, 1964.

Geeter- Adams Funeral Home	Watson - Davis Funeral Home
16th Street Baptist Church	First Baptist, Ala. City
Bethlehem Baptist, West Gadsden	Galilee Baptist Church
St. John C. M. E.	Sweet Home Methodist
Goodsel Methodist	First Baptist, Green Pasture
Mt. Zion , Miller Heights	

Reading of Communications from the State Office

Organizing for Three (3) Months Registration Drive, June 3-10; July 6-10; August 3-7, the Registrar's office will be open, We are asking all Clinic Directors to get ready for the big push.

Miscellaneous Period - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Reports by Units:

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Closing Remarks - - - - - - -

Benediction

Mrs. R. Johnson	-	Secretary
Mr. Pasco Chatman	-	Treasurer
Mr. Grover Coats	-	Vice-President
Mr. Q. D. Adams	-	President

CITIZEN IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE
(VOTER LEAGUE)

DEAR VOTERS OF ETOWAH COUNTY:

YOU DID A WONDERFUL JOB IN THE MAY 5TH PRIMARY IN GETTING ALL THE PERSONS IN THE RUN-OFF THAT YOU VOTED FOR.

NOW JUNE 2ND WE MUST ELECT THE MAN FOR THE JOB. WE MUST DO THIS BY GETTING EVERY VOTER OUT TO VOTE.

THIS ACTION SHOULD SERVE AS A STIMULUS TO GET NON-REGISTERED PERSONS TO REGISTER AND VOTE. AFTER READING THE GADSDEN TIMES PAPER, TUESDAY, MAY 12th, PAGE 2, DON'T YOU THINK OUR VOTE COUNT? THEY DO. THEY KNOW IT COUNT.

WE ARE LAUNCHING A BIG THREE(3) MONTHS REGISTRATION DRIVE BEGINNING JUNE 3-10, JULY 6-10, and AUGUST 3-7, 1964 the REGISTRAR'S OFFICE WILL BE OPEN.

WE ARE ASKING ALL CLINIC DIRECTORS TO GET READY FOR THE BIG PUSH! ! !

Q. D. ADAMS, PRESIDENT

JUL 20 1964

1907 East Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama
July 15, 1964

Mrs. Barabar Whitaker:

We received your letter yesterday. Our record shows we sent a report to Mrs. Levine for the month of June.

We are really short of help at present. We will get a report in to you soon for the July Activity. It should be early next week.

Sincerely,

C. D. Adams

rec'd 8/31

VEP 3-30

July 10, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
Citizens Improvement League
1907 East Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

RE: VEP 3-30

Dear Mr. Adams:

After checking our files, we have discovered we have received no reports from you for the month of June.

Would you kindly send us this delinquent report so that we may bring our files up-to-date?

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

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August 28, 1964

Mr. O. D. Adams
1907 East Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama

RE: VEP 3-30

Dear Mr. Adams:

When we sent you a grant of $200 on June 30, we told you that it might be the last financial grant that VEP could make your project.

We are now considering our final programs in Alabama before the October 23 registration deadline, and request that you inform us as to the exact dates when the registration books will be open in your county between September 1 and October 23.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

Has this been answered? I don't remember seeing any correspondence on it.

Telephoned 9/11/64 - See letter of that date.

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Recorded JHV

1907 East Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama
August 29, 1964

AUG 31 1964

Attorney Wiley Branton
Room 206 /5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Attorney Branton:

I received your letter of August 28th, and was very pleased to hear that we may be considered in your Grant for Alabama.

We are still striving along with our Drive for Registration of Voters. The Board, it is our understanding, will be open in September for ten(10) days, begining September 8th. It will also be open for 10 days in October.

In our last big Registration Drive we were able to register Seventy-one(71) persons in a five day period, of which we feel was good.

We appreciate you considering us because we are in need of finance very much. We are still behind in our Rent and Supply Bill. We have been hanging on by donations from colored Business men of the city.

We are looking forward to a big Drive for September and October and we are hoping to have a good showing.

Sincerely,
R. D. Adams

R. D. Adams

VCP 3-30
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NEWSLETTER NO. 6 GADSDEN COUNTY CITIZDNSHIP PROJECT SPPT. 5, 1964

REGISTRATION BOOKS OPENED SIX DAYS A WEEK

If you haven't been to register yet because of the long line outside the registrar's office, or because of having to wait in the hot sun, or because you couldn't get off work on Mondays, YOU CAN NOW REGISTER. The office is now open Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 5 p.m. Remember--you must register or you can't vote in the November elections, and only through voting can you have a voice in your government.

Become a first class citizen NOW. Don't stand by and say "my vote won't count," because it is the votes of you, your friends, and your neighbors that can end the injustice of this county. YOUR one vote could mean the difference between slavery and freedom, between right and wrong, between justice and injustice!

Go to the Gadsden County Times Office, 15 South Madison St., across from the fire station, and say "I WANT TO REGISTER." The books close on October 4, so don't wait--register now--become a citizen with a voice, a first class citizen!

GADSDEN WELCOMES NEW LCDC LAWYER

Mr. Alan Levine, a lawyer from the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, will arrive in Tallahassee to serve as a full-time lawerr to aid in the Negro's fight for equality and justice. Mr. Levine will devote most of his time to problems of voter registration, but he will also aid in other aspects of this great sturggle for justice.

The citizens of Gadsden County welcome Mr. Levine.

278 NEGROES REGISTER IN GADSDEN

This week Gadsden County gained 278 new first class citizens. This brings the total number of Negroes registered in the county to over 2,700! These citizens have taken the first big step toward freedom, since they will be able to chose the public servants who will represent them. Become a first class citizen today--register to vote!

WE SHALL OVERCOME...

by Rev. J. T. Crutcher

There is an ancient myth which tells of a great warrior who fought a beast that could reproduce itself in seconds. Every time the warrior would cut off the head of the beast another head would appear. This ancient story has much in common with the Negro's plight. We have been cheated of gainful employment for centuries. Even now we have cooks and maids in Quincy making pauper's wages and sending their daughters and sons to college. We have been placed in inferior school buildings with the old law of Separate but Equal, and everybody knows that it was separate but certainly not equal. Yet, despite all the head chopping we have taken--we are still singing "We Shall Overcome." I say to you of Gadsden County, believe that with God all unrighteousness can be subdued. There are genuine white men and women who have been born of His

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Spirit and they constituee the reproduction of a head thatwill speak and live to see that justice and liberty will be in America, even in Quincy. So, people of Gadsden, don't underestimate God--He is over the white man, the black man and all men of the earth. Believe me when I say, we shall overcome.

STRENGTH IN UNITY

For hundreds of years the soil of the South has yielded a rich harvest. When the soil was sown with the seeds of tobacco and the blood and sweat of Negroes, "local businessmen" got rich. For too long Negroes were repayed only by the shackle of slavery and the whip of the opressor. But at the end of the Civil War the "Day of Jubilee" came and the slaves throughout the South were set free. According to law the Negro was then supposed to enjoy all the benefits, rights, and privileges as a citizen of the United States.

Yet today over one hundred years since the "Day of Jubilee" we find that many Negroes of Gadsden County are still living in a state of near slavery. Some people are paid as low as twenty dollars a week for backbreaking work on the farms, working from sun-up to sun-down. Even the very houses they live in are controlled by the farm supervisors. Voter registration workers have been ordered out of these houses by the supervisors--these workers have even been arrested, even though they were made welcome by the people they were visiting. It seems that these people cannot even choose who they wish to have as visitors to their homes. People even tell of beatings and whippings by the alleged "respectable businessmen" of Gadsden County.

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Strength in unity (continued from page 1)

These are some of the things that must be stopped and will be stopped. People of this county can look forward to the Secon Day of Jubilee, the day when Negroes will no longer have to toil for four dollars a day while the men they work for make millions in a lifetime, the day when if one man beats another he will be punished no matter how rich he is or what color he happens to be, the day when Negro children can go to decent schools and obtain decent jobs with decent pay.

People of Gadsden County unite for a better life for yourselves and for your children. Join hands and gain strength in the fight for freedom. Finish the battle that your forefathers started hundreds of years ago. Let the light of liberty and the glow of freedom spread over the whole land.

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BOTH WHITES AND NEGROES REGISTER

Last Friday, Sept. 4, over ten whites were waiting in line to register. The staff of the Gadsden Cou nty Citizenship Project finds this very reassuring, since it shows that people of all races realize that voting is the basis of the American way of life. Only when all of Gadsden County's eligible voters are registered will a truly representative democracy prevail.

TO ALL MY BROTHERS:

An olen letter to the citizens of Gadsden Cou nty, by Helen Henderson, CORE task force worker.

"I am Negro; because I am a Negro, I would like to see the Negro race "move ahead".

"The first move we can make is to register and vote. Yo u say, "Why register?". We want t o be first class citizens and first class citizens are those who can vote.

"Anyone can register if he is 21 years of age or over, has lived in Gadsden County for at least 6 months and in the state of Florida for a year. As of Sept. 4 you can register every day of the week, Monday t hrough Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 5 p.m. I f you have no way to get to the registrar's office, call Mt. Moriah Church (627-7244)

"If you care, I mean really care, regardless of y our age, your health, or your financial position, you'll want to register and vote.

"Each generation shoul d make th e world a better pl ace for the next generation. Have you done your share? Have you tried to persuade a neighbor to register, have you taken a friend to the registration office, have you given financial support to this great project? If we are to overcome the obstacles before us, we must all do our share. Don 't leave it for the other person to do—

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it is your obligation to help.

"Rememb er that God helps those who help themselves. God will smile on those who try to better their condition.

"So, use your mind, and your voice, an d your body, and your muscles to help bring freedom to our peopl e. Register today, and take a friend with you."

REMEMBER THE FREEDOM NUMBER

Gadsden County's freedom telephone numbers are numbers at which you can get information on registerin and on voting, get news of voter registration, and get transportation to and from the po . Call these umbers for freedom:

in Qu incy: 627-7244
in Havana: 539-6236

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Don't buy where you aren't treated fairly—take your business to places where you are respected.

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CORE WORKER SEEKS JUSTICE

Stuart Wechsler, CORE Task Force Worker, attempted to have a warrant sworn out for the arrest of Thomas Smith. County Prosecuter Lines questioned Wechsler as to what he was doing "out there". Wechsler said that he was talking to people about voter registration. At this Lines , who has been elected to office by the people of Gadsden County, asked, "Who were you talking to, Niggers or white people." Wechsler replied "I don't see why that matters, but I happened to be tal king to Negroes."

Lines said he would let Wechsler know if a warrant was to be issued. Wechsler stated that if justice were not done in Gadsden Cou nty he would go to the Federal Courts. As of this printing, no word has been received from Lines ab out the warrant.

REGISTER AND VOTE TODAY —

Freedom Now....Freedom now...Freedom Now

DOCUMENT NO. 51 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. POLICE BRUTALITY. RELATED BY JOSEPH FAULKNER OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA.

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My name is Joseph Faulkner. I live at 111 Lincoln Ave. in Gadsden, Alabama. I was born in Prattville, Ala., but have lived in Gadsden since 1947. I am a law abiding citizen, a registered voter, and a veteran, having served in the Armed Forces of the United States from December 1951 through December 1953. I was honorably discharged from the Armed Services on Dec. 26, 1953. I have never been arrested before I was arrested for seeking peaceably to become free. I am a Christian and an active member of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church in Gadsden.

On Saturday, August 3, 1963, several hundred marchers were attempting to march to City Hall in Gadsden to have prayer and singing. Our march was a protest against the injustices of segregation. A previous Injunction had prohibited demonstrations, but the final wording of the Injunction said: "Nothing in this order shall be interpreted to restrict or enjoin said parties or their associates from peacefully walking in single or double file the streets of said city and county in an orderly fashion." Everyone was orderly and peaceful. But as we were approaching 7th Street on Forest Ave., we were stopped by Deputy Sheriff Felton Yates and State Troopers. They told us we were violating the injunction by blocking the sidewalks and to disperse or be placed under arrest. Rev. L. A. Warren, who led the marchers, said the injunction allowed marching single file or two abreast and that was what we were doing. Again we were told to disperse, but we insisted we were not violating the injunction. We were then arrested. In placing us under arrest they used cattle prods on us, though we were not resisting arrest. I was prodded on the thigh as I was getting into the Deputy Sheriff's car.

We were taken to the County Jail until it became full. More than 800 of us were arrested. At around 4:00 in the afternoon they said they were going to march us to the Coliseum. About 200 of us were lined up two abreast. There were city policemen, State Troopers, the Deputy Sheriff, and Civil Defense workers, all white. They made us march down Forest Ave., using cattle prods on some, causing those behind to stampede. Yates and Al Lingo drove alongside the marchers giving orders as to when to "speed it up" or "slow it down" or "move 'em out". They tried to make it as hard as possible for us to proceed orderly. Some people lost their shoes and hats and were not allowed to pick them up. They used cattle prods and billy sticks on us in broad open daylight down the main thoroughfare of Gadsden. I stopped to pick up my shoe and was stuck with the cattle prod and also hit with a billy stick, but I got my shoe.

At the Coliseum we were all lined up around the wall with hands up. They searched us and used cattle prods on many while they stood with hands up. Some were struck with billy sticks because they looked around. They made such statements as "Kennedy can't help you now", and "You got enough marching now". One of them said they were going to march us to Camp Gadsden. They made us lie down with feet to the wall and arms stretched out above our heads for more than two hours. We did not want to go out into the dark to go through their kind of march again, so we passed the word along that we were not going to leave the Coliseum without transportation, even if we had to die. But we did not have to march to Camp Gadsden, but were carried by truck. On the was we passed by a Klan meeting and saw men dressed in white sheets and a large cross burning nearby. One of the officers' car pulled out and sped up a side road and we heard several shots. When we got to Camp Gadsden, one of the officers made the remark that we don't have to worry about them two black niggers, we got them. They seemed to think they were frightening us, but we were not afraid. We spent several days in jail. We are not discouraged, and we will never give up our struggle for freedom.

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Joseph Faulkner
Joseph Faulkner

Personally appeared before me the hereon named Joseph Faulkner who deposes and says that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 21st day of March, 1964.

My Commission Expires, 9/8/66.

G.D. Adams
NOTARY PUBLIC

THE INTER-CITIZENS COMMITTEE
BOX 1443, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
C. HERBERT OLIVER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

DOCUMENT NO. 52 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. POLICE BRUTALITY. RELATED BY REV. L. A. WARREN OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA.

My name is Rev. L. A. Warren. For the past eight years I have lived in Gadsden and served as pastor of Union Baptist Church in Gadsden.

On August 3, 1963 I was the leader of the group that attempted to march to City Hall to sing and pray, and was the first one arrested. When they stopped us and gave us the choice of dispersing or going to jail, I chose jail. I was also in the group that was forced to march to the Coliseum. They marched us with great confusion and many were brutally treated. I was struck on the leg with a billy stick. At the Coliseum we were forced to stand up facing the wall and then forced to lie down on the concrete floor for a long time. I spent eight days in jail. I had never been jailed before.

They treated us like cattle when our only "crime" was to seek freedom. They used cattle prods not to stop us from demonstrating, but to make us jump around after we were in custody. This is pure police brutality. This is not the kind of protection we pay taxes for.

L. A. Warren

L. A. Warren

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Personally appeared before me the hereon named Rev. L. A. Warren who deposes and says that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 21st day of March, 1964.
My Commission Expires, 9/8/66.

R. D. Adams

NOTARY PUBLIC

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DOCUMENT NO. 53 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. RELATED BY CHARLIE ROBINSON OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA.

My name is Charlie Robinson. I live at 307-E 6th Street No. in Gadsden. I have been in Gadsden for the past 27 years. I am a registered voter, and am married and the father of five children. I was with the marchers on August 3, 1963 seeking freedom in Alabama.

When they made us march to the Coliseum, I was prodded three times. I heard one of the officials say that if any of us ran, to shoot us. I lost one of my shoes and was not allowed to get it. As I attempted to get my shoe I was prodded and swung at twice with a billy stick. The officers were using slogans heard on the TV program "RAWHIDE", such as "move 'em up", "get 'em out", and seemed to be having a great time. But they were very brutal and cruel. I am not discouraged but will continue to fight for freedom in Alabama.

Charlie Robinson

Charlie Robinson

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Personally appeared before me the hereon named Charlie Robinson who deposes and says that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 31st day of March, 1964.
My Commission Expires, 9/8/66.

R. D. Adams

NOTARY PUBLIC

THE INTER-CITIZENS COMMITTEE
BOX 1443, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
C. HERBERT OLIVER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

DOCUMENT NO. 54 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. RELATED BY HENRY J. FAULKNER OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA.

On Saturday, August 3, 1963 I was with the group that was herded from the County Jail to the Coliseum. I was prodded several times and still have a scar on my arm that was made by the prod. I got tired and stopped running. They prodded me to make me run, but I said I was not going to run any more. I walked the rest of the way. At the Coliseum while we were standing facing the wall with hands up, I was prodded three more times. It was a very unpleasant experience, but I am still as determined to be free as ever.

Henry J. Faulkner

STATE OF ALABAMA

Henry J. Faulkner

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Personally appeared before me the hereon named Henry J. Faulkner who deposes and says that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn amd subscribed to before me this 24th day of March, 1964. My Commission Expires, 9/8/66.

R. W. Adams

NOTARY PUBLIC

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DOCUMENT NO. 55 ON HUAMN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. RELATED BY GRIGGS JOHNSON OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA.

My name is Griggs Johnson. I live at 443 Evans St. in Gadsden. I have lived in Gadsden for the last 19 years. I am a registered voter and a veteran. I spent three years and six months in the Army during World War II, and was honorably discharged. But in all that time I never went through what I experienced in Gadsden as I sought freedom. I have felt the cattle prods and the billy sticks, and it was a terrible experience and it leaves a horrible memory which I can never forget. I hope one day we can have the freedom in Alabama that I fought for abroad.

Griggs Johnson

STATE OF ALABAMA

Griggs Johnson

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Personally appeared before me the hereon named Griggs Johnson who deposes and says that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 27th day of March, 1964. My Commission Expires, 9/8/66.

THE INTER-CITIZENS COMMITTEE
BOX 1443, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

R. W. Adams

NOTARY PUBLIC

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DOCUMENT NO. 56 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. POLICE BRUTALITY. RELATED BY ARTHUR WILSON OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA.

My name is Arthur Wilson. I live at 2817 Tallahassee St. in Gadsden. I have lived in Gadsden some 34 years. I have a wife and four children and am a law abiding citizen. I served in the United States Navy for 27 months during World War II and was honorably discharged. I am a registered voter.

On Saturday, August 3, 1963, I was in the group that was marched from the County Jail to the Coliseum. On that occasion they used the cattle prods on me more than a dozen times. Because I did not holler out, one of the officers said, "This is a stubborn one, he don't give a damn about these prods." Then several of them ganged up on me, and at one time they had two cattle prods against the back of my neck at the same time. They tried more than once to prod my genitals, but my

jockey must have protected me. They struck me on the shin several times. I was on the ground three times and they were right on me with the prods.

At Camp Gadsden that night I became ill and was taken to the hospital where I spent six days. I had been bruised on the inside around the base of my rib cage. It was a very terrible experience to have to go through simply because we attempted to exercise constitutional rights. But I am not discouraged.

Arthur Wilson

Arthur Wilson

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Personally appeared before me the hereon named Arthur Wilson who deposes and says that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 31st day of March, 1964. My Commission Expires, 9/8/66.

G. W. Adams

NOTARY PUBLIC

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DOCUMENT NO. 57 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. POLICE BRUTALITY. RELATED BY GROVER COATES OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA.

My name is Grover Coates. I live at 922-C Avenue G in Gadsden. I am a native of Etowah County, a registered voter, a law abiding citizen, and the father of five children, three of which are grown.

I was with the group of marchers on August 3, 1963 protesting the injustices of segregation. I was with the group that was marched from the County Jail to the Coliseum. I heard one of the officials give an order that if any ran, to shoot them. They used the cattle prod on my back some three or four times, and I was also struck on the arm with a billy stick by a deputy sheriff. I'm sorry to say now that I know him. My arm still causes me pain from the blow almost six months ago. It is hard to believe that people could treat other human beings that way. I have seen officers prod people as they were getting into the paddy wagons, and then laugh at them. It is a very inhuman thing to do. But none of these things will keep me from seeking to be free in Alabama.

Grover Coates

Grover Coates

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Personally appeared before me the hereon named Grover Coates who deposes and says that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 27th day of March, 1964. My Commission Expires, 9/8/66.

G. W. Adams

NOTARY PUBLIC

THE INTER-CITIZENS COMMITTEE
BOX 1443
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
C. Herbert Oliver, Executive Secretary

DOCUMENT NO. 58 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. POLICE BRUTALITY.
RELATED BY MRS. GAYNELL MOODY OF EAST GADSDEN, ALABAMA.

My name is Mrs. Gaynell Moody. I live at 1413 Springfield Avenue in East Gadsden. I have lived in Gadsden for about 17 years. I had two sons to serve in the Armed Forces of our country.

On June 18, 1963 I was with a group singing and praying on the Court House lawn in Gadsden. State Troopers and city officers came and began beating people and driving them in all directions. They prodded me around the waist. I told them not to prod me because I was sick. They cursed me with every vile name and told me to get on home. But so many officers seemed to be everywhere beating people on the streets that it was not possible to go home. I laid down between railroad tracks, hid under houses, and finally I spent the night in an outhouse, the only refuge I could find on that terrible night.

During the next day, officers came by my house and I saw them pointing it out. Then late that night, in the middle of the night, State Troopers came to my house beating on the door and shining lights into the house. I could hear one of them say he was going to beat me. I got my two little children and fled out the back door. I have a handicapped son but I was not able to get him out. They broke into the house as I was getting out the back, but I kept on going with my two small children. So I spent another night out. While getting away I broke my toe and cut my feet badly on broken glass. They beat my handicapped son in my house for no reason whatsoever. He ran out of the house naked and hollering, and everyone's house he went to he was saying, "The Troopers are going to kill me!" My daughter-in-law gave him clothes to put on. He got so shocked from this experience that I was afraid to stay with him. I pray God I can keep him out of Partlow School again. He isn't over it yet, and he still has a knot on his shoulder from the beating. They have beat him before, so much so that the very sight of the white hats used by the Troopers gets him very much disturbed. They ransacked my house and took my pistol and bullets. I was able to get my pistol back later, but they never returned the bullets. But I am still determined to be free in Alabama.

Mrs Gaynell Moody
Mrs. Gaynell Moody

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Personally appeared before me the hereon named Mrs. Gaynell Moody who deposes and says that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of her knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 30th day of March, 1964. My Commission Expires, 9/8/66.

G. W. Adams
NOTARY PUBLIC

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DOCUMENT NO. 59 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. POLICE BRUTALITY.
RELATED BY JOHN VINSON OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA.

My name is John Vinson. I live at 1100-A Fairview, in Gadsden. I have lived in Gadsden for the past 35 years. I am married and have four children.

On August 3, 1963 I was among those who were forced to march from the County Jail to the Coliseum. I was prodded on the way. I ran out of my shoes, but they would not allow me to get them. While I was at the Coliseum standing with my arms up facing the wall, they prodded me in the back. And while I was lying on my back on the floor with my arms stretched out, they stuck the prod to my neck. I don't know why they did it, unless it gave them some kind of satisfaction.

Also on June 18, 1963, I was among the group that was driven away from the Court House like cattle. Al Lingo told everybody if they did not want to go to jail, to disperse. When we began to disperse, many officers and State Troopers turned on us and beat us. They beat and prodded men women and children. You could hear them screaming and hollering. There were so many officers beating people

that I was not able to get home. I spent the night under somebody's house. But I came out the next day still determined to be free.

John Vinson

STATE OF ALABAMA

John Vinson

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Personally appeared before me the hereon named John Vinson who deposes and says that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15th day of April, 1964.
My Commission Expires, 9/8/66.

R. D. Adams

NOTARY PUBLIC

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DOCUMENT NO. 60 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. POLICE BRUTALITY.
RELATED BY MRS. MARY RANSAW OF EAST GADSDEN, ALABAMA.

My name is Mrs. Mary Ransaw. I live at 1608 Elizabeth St. in East Gadsden. I have lived in Gadsden for the past 17 years. I am married and have four children. I am a registered voter, and a law abiding citizen. I have never been arrested before being arrested for seeking peaceably to be free. I have a son in the Armed Services of our country.

On June 27, 1963 I was with a group of marchers in Gadsden. We were protesting peacefully the injustices of segregation. We were stopped by uniformed policemen and placed under arrest. When they came to arrest me I sat down with another marcher. Several officers came up to me and while they held me by the arm, they applied the cattle prods to me frequently. It was very painful. We were taken to jail and charged with parading without a permit, disturbing the peace and other similar charges. On August 3, 1963 I was arrested again and spent nine days in jail for freedom. But I am not discouraged because I still want to be free.

Mrs. Mary Ransaw

STATE OF ALABAMA

Mrs. Mary Ransaw

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Personally appeared before me the hereon named Mrs. Mary Ransaw who deposes and says that tha foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of her knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28th day of March, 1964.
My Commission Expires, 9/8/66.

R. D. Adams

NOTARY PUBLIC

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THE INTER-CITIZENS COMMITTEE ** BOX 1443 ** BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
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DOCUMENT NO. 61 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. POLICE BRUTALITY.
RELATED BY MRS. ETHER McKINNEY OF ATTALLA, ALABAMA.

My name is Mrs. Ether McKinney. I live at 501 Hammond Ave. in Attalla, Alabama. I have lived in this area for the past 14 years. I am married and the mother of three children. I am a registered voter and a law abiding citizen. I have never been arrested before being arrested for seeking to be free.

On June 27, 1963 I was with a group of marchers in Gadsden protesting the injustices of segregation. I was with Mrs. Ransaw. We both sat down when they came to arrest us. The officers put the cattle prods on me several times. One officer put a prod between my breasts. It was very painful. They prodded me on my thigh and back also. I spent nine days in jail for freedom, but I am not afraid. I am as determined as ever to be free.

Mrs Ether McKinney

Mrs. Ether McKinney

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Personally appeared before me the hereon named Ether McKinney who deposes and says that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of her knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28th day of March, 1964. My Commission Expires, 9/8/66.

G. D. Adams

NOTARY PUBLIC

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DOCUMENT NO. 62 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. RELATED BY REV. LEONARD KIRKPATRICK OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA.

My name is Rev. Leonard Kirkpatrick. I was born and reared in Gadsden. I am pastor of Thankful Baptist Church in Piedmont, Alabama. I am a registered voter and a law abiding citizen. I have been jailed several times in Gadsden because of my protests against segregation.

I was in the County Jail at the time Bennie Luchion was given his worst treatment. First they called out Nathaniel Gaston and demanded him to tell them who was keeping up the fuss. They worked him over with the prods. He grabbed the iron bars but this seemed to make the shocks all the worse. When they finished with him they called out Bennie and worked him over the same way. Then they got another youth who suffers from epilepsy and brutalized him. They put the prod to the back of his head and the shock was so bad that it caused him to go into a fit. His head swole up and he had to have medical treatment.

On another occasion officers came to the Voter Registration office in Gadsden and took some of us, saying they wanted to talk to us. But they carried us to jail. We spent several days in jail before we knew what we were in jail for. Finally on the day we were going to court for trial, we were given papers which listed several charges against us.

We are not discouraged but will continue our struggle until freedom and liberty is ours.

Rev. Leonard Kirkpatrick

Rev. Leonard Kirkpatrick

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Personally appeared before me the hereon named Leonard Kirkpatrick who deposes and says that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 31st day of March, 1964. My Commission Expires, 9/8/66.

G. D. Adams

NOTARY PUBLIC

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THE INTER-CITIZENS COMMITTEE ** BOX 1443 ** BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
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DOCUMENT NO. 63 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. POLICE BRUTALITY. RELATED BY ERIC RAINEY, SNCC WORKER IN GADSDEN, FROM CHICAGO.

My name is Eric Rainey. I work with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee in Gadsden. My home is Chicago.

On Thursday June 13, 1963 we were singing and praying around the Court House in Gadsden. Another person and I were giving instructions to the people to march two abreast. Officers pushed us into the line and told us to stay in the line. But we got out and continued to instruct the people how to march. Then they arrested us and we went limp. Two officers grabbed my leg and drug me up the stairs into the Court House elevator. They kicked us and beat us as the elevator went up. They drug us out on the fourth floor. Finally they drug us to cells and threw us into the cells. The next day I was released.

On June 18, 1963 I was arrested again in front of the Court

House. Again I went limp. An officer stuck me with a cattle prod. The shock made me jump up, and when I did, they grabbed me and took me into the Court House. On the way up on the elevator, they stopped between the second and third floors. There were two officers. One of them struck me in the stomach and I slumped to the floor. They began sticking me with the prods. They stuck me all over, including my genitals. This made me lose control and urinate. They would prod me and make me jump up. Then they would knock me back down and prod me up again, all the time laughing.

On another occasion I was taken up in the elevator at the Court House by two officers and beaten.

On July 19, 1963 as I was about to cross the street at the corner of Forest and 7th Street, I was picked up again. A man in plain clothes asked me who I was. When I gave him my name, he said, "We got him now." They took me through the back entrance of the Court House. One of them stuck his head into the Sheriff's office and said something. About five or six officers came out and they took me to the elevator and all of them beat me after stopping the elevator between the second and third floors. I was charged with vagrancy even though I told them I work for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

One day in August 1963 I took an injured friend to the hospital. Two officers came in and ordered everyone out. They took me to jail and beat me again and placed me under arrest, charging me with disorderly conduct and refusing to obey an officer. But I was not guilty of either. I was fined $100.00 and cost on one count, and $100.00 and sixty days on the other. The fine was paid and I spent 30 days in jail. I have no other choice than to continue my struggle for freedom.

Eric Rainey

Eric Rainey

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

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Sworn and subscribed to before me this 27th day of March, 1964. My Commission Expires, 9/8/66.

G. W. Adams

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DOCUMENT NO. 64 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. POLICE BARBARITY. RELATED BY BENNIE J. LUCHION, FIELD WORKER FOR SCLC.

My name is Bennie J. Luchion. I am from New Orleans. I have been in Gadsden since May, 1963. I am a field worker for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. I have been arrested six times in Etowah County seeking freedom in Alabama.

On June 15, 1963 I participated in a sit-in at Snellgrove Drug Store in Gadsden. When the police came to arrest me, I went limp and laid on the floor. An officer stood on my neck. I was taken to the city jail and was punched in the face and head by an officer who wore badge No. 22. I fell to the floor and was kicked in the stomach.

On June 18, 1963, while being arrested again in Gadsden, I went limp. An officer pinned me against a police car and pushed a cattle prod to the base of my spine and held it there while the shock continued to go through my body. Then as I was getting into the car, I was prodded again. They took me to jail where they prodded me again and dragged me on the elevator.

On another occasion when I was at jail at Camp Gadsden, they wanted to separate me from the other prisoners and take me to the County Jail, but I refused. Then they came and applied the prod to my genitals and then took me back to the County Jail. That night at the County Jail officers came and took out Nathaniel Gaston and worked him over with the prods. Then one of the officers recognized me

and said, "There's Ben[illegible]e that gave us so much tr[illegible]ble at Camp Gadsden.' They called me out. I had been washing my socks and my hands were wet and also the front of my shirt and pants. I was prodded, pushed to the floor and pinned against an iron door. Because I was wet and up against an iron door, it was by far the most terrible experience I have been through so far. I managed to get hold of both prods and I held them off my stomach, but they began beating me with flashlights. I finally broke away and ran back into the cell and they did not come after me again.

One day in July 1963 I was canvassing for voter registration in Attalla, Alabama, and was picked up along with about five others and taken to the City Hall in Attalla. The Police Chief (Amos) tried to make me say who I was and where I was from, but I would not say. He stomped on my toes and kicked my shins but still I would not say. Then he got out a brand new prod and applied it to me several times, but I took it. I began to get weaker and dizzy, but I tried to take it. Then when he put it to my genitals I said to him, "What about your God?" He stopped but threatened to put the Klan on me. We were not released till dark, and for about two days I was in a daze as the result of the prod treatment given to me by the Police Chief.

On August 3, 1963 during the march to the Coliseum, I was prodded many times in the rectum. These are a few of the brutalities I have experienced in the last several months in Etowah County in search of freedom in Alabama. I have had to undergo special medical treatment as a result of the brutalities I have suffered at the hands of law officers.

Bennie J. Luchion

Bennie J. Luchion

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Personally appeared before me the hereon named Bennie J. Luchion who deposes and says that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 27th day of March, 1964. My Commission Expires, 9/8/66.

G.W. Adams

NOTARY PUBLIC

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THE INTER-CITIZENS COMMITTEE, INC. * BOX 1443 * BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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DOCUMENT NO. 65 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. POLICE BARBARITY.
RELATED BY WILLIE JAMES GRAYER OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA.

My name is Willie James Grayer. I was born and reared in Gadsden. I have been arrested several times in Gadsden for protesting segregation. I have been prodded more times than I can remember.

On Friday, July 19, 1963 I went to the Court House in Gadsden to find out what a friend of mine was charged with. An officer on the outside stopped me and asked me what I was doing downtown. He asked if I wanted to go home or go to jail. I said it didn't make any difference. He told me to go home and said to go down Forest Avenue away from the downtown section. He refused to let me enter the Court House which I help to pay for. I left, but I went toward town. Then he and another policeman came in a police car and picked me up and took me to jail. While still in the car, they used a cattle prod on me between my legs. They took me inside. As we were going up on the elevator they asked me about another person, but I said I did not know him. They said I was one of them damn smart niggers and that I was lying. Then they stopped the elevator between the third and fourth floors and beat me with their fists and they used the prods on me again, on my stomach, on my neck, on my genitals. that night my genitals swole up. I got out the next day, but since then I have suffered pain there from time to time and occasional bleeding. I have had medical attention and have been assured that I would get over it. But it was a very painful thing to have to suffer for the cause of freedom. I am not discouraged.

Willie James Grayer

Willie James Grayer

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Personally appeared before me the hereon named Willie James Grayer who deposes and says that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 27th day of March, 1964.
My Commission Expires, 9/8/66.

NOTARY PUBLIC

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DOCUMENT NO. 66 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. POLICE BRUTALITY.
RELATED BY EDDIE JAMES SANDERS JR. OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

My name is Eddie James Sanders Jr. (18). I live at 868 No. 44th Place in Birmingham. I am presently a senior at Hayes High in Birmingham. I was in Gadsden on August 3, 1963 on D-Day. I was with the group that was taken to the County Jail. I was also in the group that was marched to the Coliseum . One of the city policemen pulled me out of the group marching to the Coliseum and said they were going to initiate me. They tried to make me take off my shoes, but I refused. Then they beat me and prodded me and forced me to take off my shoes. They made me run on the hot pavement barefooted while they would strike me with billy sticks and prod me. My feet began to hurt and blister. (I was in a car accident in 1953, and since then I have had to have an operation on my leg every summer. So it was very hard for me to walk so far barefooted.)

When we neared the Coliseum, I was taken on a gravel road. One of my feet got cut on a rock. I fell to the ground but they made me get up and continue to run. Then a State Trooper broke some glass and put it in the road. I went around the glass, but they brought me back and made me walk through the glass, cutting my feet more. I fell down again and told them I could not run any more because my feet were cut and blistered. Then State Troopers and city policemen stuck four cattle prods to my neck at the same time while I was on the ground. I showed them my bleeding and cut feet, but one of the Troopers put a prod in one of the open wounds. It was a very severe pain. Then a State Trooper grabbed my shirt and wrapped part of it around his fist and ran toward the Coliseum with me. He was trying to make me run, but by this time I could only stumble along. At the Coliseum I was in such pain that I sat down. But a Trooper prodded me and forced me to stand on my wounded feet. Through the whole experience they used abusive language and laughed at me.

They took me to a local hospital for treatment, but a doctor carelessly washed my feet and cracked jokes with the policemen about my feet. While I was in the emergency room, some of the white employees threatened my life. I was taken back to my Gadsden residence after the doctor finished. The officers halfway drug me into the house and threw me on a bed and left. Friends then took me to another hospital in Gadsden where I was given adequate treatment. I could not get on my feet for three days, and then for about nine days I had to use crutches.

I was not charged with any violation. They merely treated me brutally for sport, it seemed, and then let me go. Nothing has given me more determination to be free.

Eddie James Sanders Jr.

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

Personally appeared before me the hereon named Eddie James Sanders who deposes and says that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9th day of April, 1964.
My. Commission Expires, 3/7/66.

NOTARY PUBLIC

SPONSORED BY:
THE INTER-CITIZENS COMMITTEE
BOX 1443
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35201
C. Herbert Oliver, Executive Secretary

DOCUMENT NO. 67 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALABAMA. POLICE BRUTALITY.
RELATED BY LEONARD JACKSON, 803 S. 47th PLACE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

My name is Leonard Jackson. I have served three years in the Armed Forces of my country and was honorably discharged in December, 1963.

On Saturday night, March 21, 1964, at around 10:45 P. M., I was taking my fiance home and had an accident on the way. I struck another car from the rear. I was not drunk, nor had I been drinking. But I was very upset because my girl friend had been injured. The police came, but they did not ask me any questions. They made me get into the paddy wagon and took me to jail. At the jail they pushed and hit me. I tried to protect myself but several of them jumped on me and beat me. The assistant warden, wearing Badge No. 22 was the first to hit me at the jail. While I was on the floor, one of them kicked me in the jaw. I later learned I had a cracked tooth, which probably resulted from that blow. I was taken to a cell, and later taken to Hillman Hospital. A doctor there looked at me and told me to see a dentist on Monday. A lone patrolman, Badge No. 300, came to get me from the Hospital. He said, "Let's go Willie." I said, "No, my name is Leonard." He said, "You'll be Willie if I want you to." He kicked me and drew his stick. I got into the paddy wagon. I was taken somewhere in the North Birmingham area. I was the only one in the Negro side of the paddy wagon. The wagon stopped at a service station where there was a Squad car (No. 39) with two policemen in it. The Badge of one of them was No. 215. No. 215 walked up to the wagon and shined the light in and said, "So this is Willie." I said, "No, I was not Willie." He asked where I worked and I said at Cosby Hodges. He said, "No smart people like you work at Cosby Hodges." Then two of them pulled me out and beat me. I managed to get back into the wagon and they kept hitting me in the wagon. They beat me on the throat, over the head and punched me in the body with night sticks. No. 215 unsnapped his holster, but another one told him not to do that. After they beat me they said, "You're not so smart a nigger now, are you?" I guess they got tired so they locked me up in the wagon and took me to jail again. I was bleeding badly and there were many cuts and bruises inside my mouth. The man who took my fingerprints at jail tried to make me say "yes sir", and when I said "yes" he slapped me.

My mother came and got me out at around 5:00 o'clock Sunday morning. I was charged with reckless driving, drunkenness, and assault and battery.

On Thursday, March 26, I was tried and convicted of drunkenness, even though several witnesses, white and Negro, testified that they could not say I was drunk. I was found not guilty of assault and battery.

Leonard Jackson

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

Personally appeared before me the hereon named Leonard Jackson who deposes and says that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 18th day of April, 1964.

My Commission Expires
3/7/66.

Geneva R. Lee
NOTARY PUBLIC

SPONSORED BY
THE INTER-CITIZENS COMMITTEE
BOX 1443
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
J. L. Ware, President
C. H. Oliver, Executive Secretary

September 11, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
1907 East Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

RE: VEP 3-30

Dear Mr. Adams:

This will confirm our telephone conversation this morning in which you stated that your registration books will open next week and remain open for a period of ten days. Pursuant to our verbal agreement, I am enclosing our VEP check in the amount of $200, representing a supplemental grant to assist your registration drive.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $200 check

Hand-delivered by Q. D. Adams 9/21/64

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ANNOUNCING THE BIG REGISTRATION DRIVE
AND THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITIZEN IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE (VOTER LEAGUE)

The Registrar Office finally announced their opening date for registration for the month of September. They will be open Sept. 23,24,25,28, and 29th.

TITLE I. - VOTING RIGHTS ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE U.S. IN 1964

Section 101-2004 and further amended by Section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1960 amended as follows:

Any peron, who have completed the Sixth grade as a maximum requirement, is entitled to register and vote in Federal Elections with no Poll Tax required.

Any person that meets this requirement may fill out an affidavit, sworn before a Notary Public, and present same to the Registrar's Office.

Clinics will be set up in all sections of the county to aid persons to become registered voters. Also, the registrar's office will be open in October ten days, this will be your last opportunity to register to vote in the General Election, 1964.

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AGENDA
Of the Regular Meeting of the Citizen Improvement League
(Voters League)
Wednesday Night, September 30, 1964 - 7:30 P. M. At The
Tuscaloosa Community Center
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Devotion . . . . . Rev. J. S. Dudley

Opening Remarks . . . . . President

Reading of Minutes - Mrs. Romaine Johnson

Reports from All Committees

Presentation of Speaker

Speaker . . . . . Rev. Horton

Miscellaneous Period

Reports by Units:

Unit No. 1.	_____	No. 7.	_____
2.	_____	8.	_____
3.	_____	9.	_____
4.	_____	10.	_____
5.	_____	11.	_____
6.	_____	12.	_____

Presentation of Visitors
Closing Remarks and Benediction

Mrs. Romaine Johnson, Secretary Mr. Pasco Chatman, Trea.
Mr. Grover Coats, Vice-President Mr. Q.D.Adams, President

3.30

NEWSLETTER

September 16, 1964

Fellow Citizens:

I am sure that you are aware that the Civil Rights Law has been passed. Now the next step is ours. We must NOW Register to Vote. We must have power in our Government.

We are aware of what is going on in GADSDEN and must stop things, and the only way we can stop such acts as Police Brutality is to VOTE AND TO PUT PEOPLE IN OFFICE WHO ARE AGAINST SUCH UNPROVOKED ATTACKS UPON NEGROES AND WHITES.

In America we change things through the ballot. The Constitution allows each man a right to vote for what he thinks is right. In 1870 the Fifteenth Amendment was passed which gave all men the right to vote, regardless of RACE OR COLOR. If we want Justice, Freedom, Peace, and Equal Rights, we must vote for people who will consider these things IMPORTANT. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven". This world can be more like God's kingdom, if men will learn to care for the poor and needy, if we can help feed the hungry in other lands and ours, if each is concerned about the well being of his neighbor and if each VOTES FOR PERSONS WHO SHARE THE HUMAN IDEAS. ARE WE DOING OUR SELVES JUSTICE, AND OUR FELLOW MAN ?

LET'S MAKE SEPTEMBER 23rd A HISTORICAL DAY IN GADSDEN BY REGISTERING TO VOTE IN LARGE NUMBERS.

Jessie Waller

SEP 25 1964

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1907 East Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama
September 23, 1964

Attorney Wiley Branton
Room 206 /5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Attorney Branton:

This is to acknowledge your letter and the check received several days ago.

I was in your office earlier this week and was greeted very warmly by your secretaries. My short visit was very inspiring. Also, your Field Representative, Mr. Joe L. Tucker, was in our city this week and we had about an hour and a half conference. He seems to be a very fine young man. We discussed our local registration program here and exchanged ideas. He has some very good ideas on registration.

We appreciate all the assistance we receive from your office, in the way of finance and information. We are just begining a five day registration Period September 23,24,25,28, and 29th. You will hear from us in the way of a report as soon as the Drive is over.

Sincerely yours,

Q. D. Adams

QDA /lg

ver 3.30

Part of Jeff Felt -2- Trip Report dated 7/25/64 file

Gadsden, Alabama - CITIZENS IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE VEP 3-30:

Q. D. Adams out of town for two days. Talked to a Dr. Stewart, who works with Adams. He couldn't give my any pertinent information about the organization. Mr. Adams can be reached at: 546-2443, Residente, and 547-9154, business. Dr. Stewart can be reached at: 547-5784, office, 219 North Sixth Street.

They have raised some money, along with VEP's grant and a grant from SCLC, but Dr. Stewart said they really could use some more funds. He said the people just didn't seem to care about voting. A worker from one of SCLC's citizenship schools has been helping with voter registration in Gadsden, but could not be reached.

Stopped by Q. D. Adams' on return trip. Here is what he had to say: There are 19.6% of 58,000 people in Gadsden who are Negroes. Mr. Adams dry cleaning establishment was shotgunned last week, and $60 worth of clothes were ruined by double O slugs.

The reason Alabama changes its voting test every 30 days is because civil rights leaders were familarizing people with the voting test, so to cross everybody up, they change it every 30 days.

He has about 14 volunteer workers who do door-to-door canvassing, and help train people in the fundamentals of the voting test. Mr. Adams stated that it is difficult to know when the registration board will be open. They never tell you until the last minute. They will have eight days to register in October, and the CIL plans a massive all-out registration drive to put more people on the books. Mr. Adams stated that the CIL has been in existence for 30 years. They have worked for the betterment of the Gadsden, Alabama, Negro community, and feel that some progress has been made despite bombings, police brutality, and economic reprisals.

Mr. Adams has an organized project in existence that is governed by a group of elected officials. (See attached sheet from the League). They are working and the community respects their effort, and gives them support.

In closing our conversation, Mr. Adams made known a plan he thinks might work with the registration board. As a notary public, he is going to sign every affidavit brought to him acknowledging a person's age and years of schooling, then leave it up to the registration board to prove the affidavit invalid. He doubts if the necessary records can be found, so he figures to aid many people in their registration effort in this way.

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September 28, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
1907 E. Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

RE: VEP 3-30

Dear Mr. Adams:

It is necessary that we have a financial accounting regarding your program, as your last accounting was submitted on our about August 1.

Have you learned the exact dates that your books will be open in October?

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

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OCT 8 1964

1907 East Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama
October 2, 1964

Attorney Wiley Branton
Room 206/5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Attorney Branton:

Please find enclosed cancelled checks and Bank Statement from our Registration Drive. We were able to pay some of our deliquent bills.

You asked in your last letter about the opening of the Registrar's office for the month of October. They closed the 29th of September, stayed closed one day and reopen October 1-2, and will open again October 14-23.

We had a total of 48 persons passing the Board in September and 62 failed. We also talked with the Justice Department concerning the persons failing and they suggested we keep carrying as many as possible.

We received a tape from the Presbyterian Church in New York to be used for Spots on the Radio for our Registration Drive this month. The Radio Station will announce it 35 times, begining Monday or Tuesday, for $98.00. We can't afford it but if your office think well of the suggestion, we will be most happy to use it.

We are still trying to get as many registered as possible and we shall look forward to hearing from you concerning the Tape for Radio Broadcast.

Sincerely yours,
Q. D. Adams

QDA/lg

Please photocopy for Records before filing. DRF

VEP 3-30

FINANCIAL COPY

10-10-64

September 28, 1964

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1907 E. Broad Street
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Wiley A. Brenton

WAB:js

October 16, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
1907 E. Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

RE: VEP 3-30

Dear Mr. Adams:

Mr. John Doe, Jr., of our staff, has recommended that we give you a supplemental grant in the amount of $150 in support of the two days registration which you will have in Gadsden next Monday and Tuesday. Our check for that amount is enclosed herein.

Mr. Doe recommended that most of this money be spent in payment of radio advertising which you described to him.

In view of the fact that this will be the final grant which VEP will be making to your project, we will appreciate it if you would send us a final financial report within one week, together with supporting receipts. We will have to have a receipt from the radio station for any advertising, together with a copy or description of the announcement.

With every good wish for a successful drive.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $150 check
cc: Financial

air mail Spec

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JM

NOV 13 1964

1907 East Broad Street
East Gadsden, Alabama
November 7, 1964

Attorney Wiley Branton
Room 206 / 5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

We can appreciate the aid from your office for the last year. The financial assistant was a great help in helping us to finance our Registration program.

We have done a big job in this county. Suits were filed yesterday by the Justic Department against Jefferson County Registrars and the State of Alabama, which Attorney John Dore told me in effect, included Etowah County also.

Now concerning the number of Negroes in our county's wards and precincts, I talk with the Probate Judge and he informed me that the record of Negroes and white by race is not up to date. We discussed the issue and both agreed that between 3300 and 3700 Negroes who could have voted in the November election. We only have two boxes out of 67 that's almost predominately negroes. Negroes vote in some thirty-five boxes in the county.

*Enclosed you will find a Newspaper clipping stating the total number of voters in Etowah. This clipping is from the Gadsden Times, date: November 2, 1964.

It has been a pleasure being associated with the Voter Education Project, our warmest regards are extended to all of your staff.

Sincerely yours,

Q. D. Adams

*No Enclosure

41,375 Here On Poll List

Etowah County, which ha made a dramatic increase in persons eligible to vote, could be the third heaviest voting county in the state, surpassing even Montgomery County, Probate Judge Wiley Hickman said.

Hickman said that 41,375 persons are registered and eligible to vote in tomorrow's national election.

In 1960, he said, 60 per cent of the eligible voters — 21,649 — went to the polls.

In 1956, Hickman added, only 40 per cent, numbering 14,961 voted.

The judge issued a word of advice to voters. He suggested that since most of the voting is done by working people early in the morning and late in the afternoon, that those who are able should vote between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

December 7, 1964

Mr. R. D. Adams
1907 E. Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Adams:

Re VEP 3030

Thank you for the cancelled checks and bank statements you recently sent us for final reporting.

We are enclosing these for your records.

Sincerely,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

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3-30

1907 East Board Street
East Gadsden, Alabama
November 26, 1964

Attorney Wiley A. Branton
Room 206 / 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Please find enclosed cancelled checks and Bank Statement for the $150.00.

Yours truly,

Q. D. Adams

QDA/lg

Enclosure

November 21, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
1907 E. Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Adams:

RE: VEP 3-30

In his letter of October 16, Mr. Branton enclosed a check for a supplement grant to your project in the amount of $150.00 and requested that a final financial report, with supporting receipts, be submitted to him within one week.

Please furnish Mr. Branton with these items so that we may close our books on your project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

11-14-64

October 16, 1964

Mr. Q. D. Adams
1907 E. Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama

RE: VEP 3-30

Dear Mr. Adams:

Mr. John Due, Jr., of our staff, has recommended that we give you a supplemental grant in the amount of $150 in support of the two days registration which you will have in Gadsden next Monday and Tuesday. Our check for that amount is enclosed herein.

Mr. Due recommended that most of this money be spent in payment of radio advertising which you described to him.

In view of the fact that this will be the final grant which VEP will be making to your project, we will appreciate it if you would send us a final financial report within one week, together with supporting receipts. We will have to have a receipt from the radio station for any advertising, together with a copy or description of the announcement.

With every good wish for a successful drive.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $150 check
cc: Financial

WB

M E M O R A N D U M December 7, 1964

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 3-30
(Citizens Improvement League)

Grant: $1, 450.00

Disbursements:

Adv. Print. &Prom.	$ 0.00	
Meals	23.90	
Office Rent	270.00	
Office.Supplies	217.12	
Salaries	293.25	
Tel. & Tel.	104.29	
Trav. & Trans.	481.31	
Utilities	53.08	
Bank Charges	7.05	
Total		1,450.00

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V. V. L. News Letter

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A FEDERATED LEAGUE--OUR BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE

In this dynamic world which we find ourselves a part, it is prudent that we occasionally pause for an appraisal of our positions on the stage of life. We should seek to ascertain whether or not we are in step with the time in order to face up to the new frontiers of our day.

As we of the Virginia Voters League pause for our appraisal, what do we find?

(1) We find a good number of organizations and associations exerting efforts in the suffrage field. Some of these organizations have accomplished a great deal in their communities and do not wish to give us their identity or autonomy.

(2) We find that there is no coordination between these organizations.

(3) We find that there are many areas of the state where there is no active organized suffrage program.

(4) We further find that there has been a lack of field contact on the part of our League.

(5) We find therefore that there has been a lag in our efforts, as a League, to face up to the new frontier of our time.

What can we do as a League to prepare to measure up to the new frontier?

Suggestions to resolve this dilemma are welcomed, however, we now suggest the following:

(1) Reorganize our League into a Federated Organization.

(2) Seek the membership in the new federated league, all of the existing organizations now or in the future whose objective is to increase voting among Negroes.

(3) Seek to establish strong suffrage organizations in those areas in the state where none now exist.

(4) Seek to obtain the services of a field secretary.

(5) Establish a research and statistics commission. Part of its duty would be to disseminate pertinent information to the members and seek to coordinate the work of each unit and thereby effect a state wide suffrage program.

Trust you will thoroughly consider this matter and come to the annual meeting prepared to give some constructive thinking on the responsibility and capability of the League to meet the challenge it now faces.

--Herman T. Benn

The Lord has willed my return to duty after three months of serious illness. I entered the Retreat for the Sick on March 27 for the removal of a cataract from my eye. Two weeks later, I re-entered for an operation to correct the poor circulation in my body. This was a major operation which required hospitalization for practically two weeks. The recovery from this operation is slow and painful, but I am glad to say that I am able to return to the office for a few hours each day.

Our membership program which is centered in the Century Club Contest was brought to a complete halt. Ten chapters had entered the contest, namely: Isle of Wight with 56 members; Henry Chapter, 42 members; Clark County Chapter, 39 members; Lee-Union Chapter, 28 members; Dover Chapter, 25 Members; Danville Chapter, 24 members; Southampton Chapter, 22 members; City of Richmond, 11 members; Gloucester County, 4 members; Ashland District, 1 member. Three chapters entered the contest in the month of April, namely, Mathews County Chapter, Plymouth Chapter, and Lunenburg County. This gives twelve chapters contesting for the Century Club goal of 100 members.

There were some changes in the standing of the chapters in the contest during the last two months. Here is the following line-up:

STANDING	CHAPTER	GOAL	MEMBERS REPORTED TO OFFICE	NUMBER NEEDED TO REACH GOAL
1	Mathews	100	80	20
2	Isle of Wight	100	76	24
3	Henry	100	42	58
4	Clark County	100	39	61
5	Dover	100	30	70
6	Danville	100	29	71
7	Lee-Union	100	28	72
	Plymouth	100	28	72
	Southampton	100	28	72
8	Ashland District	100	18	82
9	Richmond City	100	11	89
10	Gloucester	100	4	96

The above table shows the increase each chapter has made in membership and what is needed to put them over the goal line. Each chapter in the contest with a minimum effort on the part of its members can pull their membership up to the 100 mark by September 15.

Our suffrage campaign has lagged as has our Century Club Contest because of the lack of energetic supervision. Isle of Wight chapter stands out very prominently in the way it has studied our suffrage program and has taken hold thereof

and has shown our V. V. League brotherhood what the possibilities are in making our people vote-conscious. We cannot say too much about the leadership Mrs. Irene Summersett gave to this vital movement among her people. Through her leadership, more than 200 inventory cards were circulated among the citizens of Isle of Wight County upon which was recorded information showing they had paid the required poll taxes and were registered. These cards were properly mailed to the home office. Other chapters did some work in this area, but the results were far from our expectation and what it should have been.

Hearty congratulations to President H. D. Powell, of Southampton, which is serving as host to the annual conference this year and other members of the program committee for the creditable foundation they have laid for this meeting. Below is a tentative program they have drafted. The planning committee will meet the 30th of this month in Courtland, Virginia, the site of the September conference. Here finishing touches will be put on the Conference Program and other matters incident to the coming conference will be attended to.

SUFFRAGE OPPORTUNITY--We still have an inviting opportunity to enhance our voting strength for the presidential election by getting all those people who paid their poll tax by May 8 and did not register, to do so.

They have fron now until the eighth of October to get their names on the registration books and thus qualify themselves for voting in the presidential election in November.

Hundred of votes can be added to our voting list by finding these people and getting them to register. Let us seek these lost sheep and bring them into the fold.

There is still another source of potential voters in our midst, yea at our door and in our household. They are our young people. We can prevail and persuade hundreds of them to register by October 8. It is up to us to make practical voting citizens of our young people and prepare them for leadership tomorrow.

I appeal to every voter to make it his and her obligation to get the names of these young people on the voting list.

--Amos C. Clark, Executive Secretary

ENCOURAGE
YOUNG
PEOPLE
TO
VOTE!

MINUTES
Richmond, Virginia, June 4, 1960

The Executive Council, in conjunction with the Advisory Board of the Virginia Voters League, met on the above date at Slaughter's Hotel, in regular session with Attorney Herman T. Been Presiding. Professor R. A. Bracey was present, and shared in motivating the meeting. Opening prayer was by Rev. J. C. Allmond. Mrs. Thornton, State Secretary, was absent. We did not have the minutes of the meeting held April 2. Mrs. Summersett was asked to serve as secretary.

The necessity of a State Organization was discussed. Mr. Benn thought a central body, very necessary--In union there is strength. He complimented the activity of some of the chapters, especially the Isle of Wight Chapter, for the Suffrage work done by them. He also spoke of the Southampton Chapter, which is arranging for our fall meeting. We look forward to a good meeting in strengthening us and helping us get back to former goals.

Mr. Benn referred to the resolution sent to the Governor, endorsing the report of the Civil Rights Commission--what it said about Civil Rights. It was regretted some of the papers did not carry the report. The Governor approved of our resolution, but hesitated to assist us by publishing the resolution.

The Committee on an Educational Program, of which Mr. Willis Brown is chairman, rendered its report. The report was accepted by the Body. It was adopted with the understanding, that the first Annual Contest be held in 1961 at the State Meeting. The report outlined Annual Contests--how they should be conducted locally, and at the State Meeting; who the contestants could be, and the awards. Mr. Bracey suggested the topics to be used in the local contests would concern questions of civic matters, voting, etc. It was moved and carried that copies of the recommendations of the Educational Committee be sent to the Chapters, so that the delegates to the State Conference will be informed, and ready to give the opinions of their Home Chapter. This information will be sent out from the Executive Committee.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Irene Summersett be elected to assist Mr. Clark in the office, when he returns to the office.

The following persons were selected to arrange the program for the State Conference: Mr. H. D. Powell, Mr. R. A. Bracey, Mrs. Summersett, Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Snead, Mrs. Roberta Bolden, Miss Virtley Porter, Rev. S. M. Thompson. Their first meeting will be in Richmond, Saturday, June 18, 12 o'clock.

Mr. Powell, from the Host Chapter, in Southampton, which is planning to entertain the State Conference, spoke of the difficulty in securing the School Building to be used at the State Conference. He wished to know if money for the ads on the program could be given to help pay the extortionate cost of rental--$50.00 per day. The reason for this charge was discussed. Different ideas were given, but the conclusion was the charge was set as a barrier.

The people of Southampton would not back down; they decided to pay the price. It was suggested that our Virginia Voters League get in touch with the School Board. Some thought this might embarrass the Home Chapter. Motion by Mr. Willis Brown that the Board of Directors authorize the Southampton Chapter to use funds from the ads inserted in the Conference Program to defray the expense of rental for the building. Motion carried. Mr. Bracey suggested that the P. T. A. ask the School Board --why this great price for use of the school building. Miss Virtley Porter suggested that we get the statement in writing, concerning the rental.

MINUTES (continued)

Mrs. Summersett was asked to write to the Chapters, after the Committee on Education decides on the topics, and explain what the contestants are to do; also state that Youth Groups in the League and other interested groups be permitted to enter the Contest.

Mr. Clark is out of the hospital, and though weak, hopes to be in the office soon, Mr. Benn stated. Rev. Thompson was asked to represent the group in a visit to Mr. Clark, also a visit to Mr. Spencer, and let us know their conditions.

The discussion arose of the payment of annual membership fees. Ideas were advanced as follows: "Do away with the payment of individual fees--have the Chapters raise so much money each year to take care of them." Some thought the payment of fees any month of the year caused delinquency; so many members waited five and six months after their memberships expired to pay their fees. Others thought it beneficial to pay your fee whenever you wished.

There was no general conclusion. The President stated "when a member fails to pay his or her fee when the membership expires, he or she is automatically dropped and will have to be re-instated when fees are paid".

Meeting adjourned.

Irene D. Summersett
Acting Secretary

VIRGINIA VOTERS LEAGUE, INC.
316 E. Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

June 18, 1960

Dear Co-Worker:

We are sending you herewith the report of the Educational Committee, received and adopted at our Advisory Board meeting, June 4, 1960. Please consider and discuss the recommendations of the Committee in your Chapter and counsel your delegate to the State Conference how to vote on the matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Irene D. Summersett
Acting Secretary

Franklin, Virginia--May 13, 1960

The Committee on Education met in the home of Mrs. Roberta Bolden, on the above date. We submit the following recommendations:

Contest will be held in each League in the thirteen (13) counties represented in the State Body. .....and the winning contestants in the several counties will compete at the State Conference in 1961 and receive the State Award.

In each contest in the county, the award will be $25.00 and the award of the State Body will be $100.00.

The Committee recommends that each of the Chapters be responsible for $35.00; $25.00 of this amount to be award to the local contestant; and $10.00 to be sent to the State Body to make up the award of the $100.00 from the State Body.

Respectfully submitted,

Willis Brown, Chairman
James E. Owens
Alexander Hall
Roberta Bolden
Irene Summersett

SAMPLE BALLOT

Democratic Primary
Tuesday, July 14, 1953

For United States Senate

(Vote for One)

Tom Doe

Dick Doe

For House of Representatives

Harry Doe

For City Council

John Q. Doe

The Ballot, our chief civic weapon of democracy.

Sample Registration Form of the Virginia Voters League

Date_____ _____ _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Mr._____
(Registrar)

I_____
(Name of Registrant)

My residence is _____ _____
(Place of Residence) (Magis. District, Precinct)

I was born _____ _____ _____ _____
(Month) (Date) (Year) (Place of Birth)

I am _____ years old.
(Age last birthday)

I have never voted or I last voted at _____
_____
(Precinct, County, or City, State)

VIRGINIA VOTERS LEAGUE, INC.
Suffrage Inventory Card

_____, 19____

Name_____ Phone No. _____

Street or R. F. D._____ City or County_____

Ward or Magisterial District _____ Precinct Name or No._____
Over 21 years old?_____(Check Yes or No) Yes_____No_____
Over one year's residence in Va.? Yes_____No_____
Are you a registered voter? Yes_____No_____
When do you expect to qualify? Month_____Date_____
Did you vote last year? Yes_____No_____
Do you expect to vote in this year's election? Yes_____No_____

Have you paid your poll tax for:

1956	Yes___No___	1959	Yes___No___
1957	Yes___No___	1960	Yes___No___
1958	Yes___No___	1961	Yes___No___

1962	Yes___No___
1963	Yes___No___
1964	Yes___No___

ARE

YOU A VOTING CITIZEN?

V. V. L. News Letter

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To all Presidents, Officers and Members of the Virginia Voters League, Inc., Churches, Civic and Fraternal Organizations, GREETINGS:

Please be advised that the 21st Annual Conference of the Virginia Voters League, Inc. will convene at Danville, Virginia, September 30 - October 1 with the Danville Chapter as host.

Routes into Danville, Virginia: East and West Route 58, North and South Route 29 and Route 360 North. These routes lead into N. Main Street and continue on Main Street, South to Halbrook Street, turning into Halbrook Street and down two blocks to Calvary Baptist Church which will serve as general headquarters for the Conference.

Meeting Places: The mass meeting will be held at the Loyal Baptist Church, Halbrook Street, Sunday, October 1, 1961 at 3:00 P.M. The banquet will be held Saturday, September 30 at 8:00 P.M. at the Textile Union Hall, no. 709. All other meetings will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church, Halbrook Street.

Registration Fee: Registration fee will be $1.00 per delegate, member or fraternal representative.

Lodging Fee: Room over night and breakfast will be $2.75.

Banquet Admission: Banquet tickets will be $2.00. The name of the chairman of the Housing Committee will be forwarded to you later. (Continue on page 2)

COME ONE. COME ALL...

ABOUT THE STUDY

--Amos C. Clark, Executive Secretary

The brief study is made with the hope that civic workers will find some of the essential information needed in solving some of their civic and political problems.

Since the chief concern of the writer is to arouse the voting interest of the people, our first step was to locate the voters and give their numerical standing. Now the task of eliminating the list of non registrants by putting the name of each one of these persons on the active voting list is clearly our responsibility.

If we can be successful in getting all our counties and cities to accept the responsibility of qualifying 25% of these persons not registered during the next twelve months, we will have moved a long way ahead on the task of using the ballot effectively. The request for qualifying 25% of the unregistered voters in the counties and cities carried in this study is modest and should be attained by each of these political divisions.

We have carried white registrants as shown in 1961 registration records filed in the electoral board office at the State Capitol in Richmond, Virginia. We carried this column for general comparison. A casual glance will immediately inform one of the type of suffrage job that is being done in any area covered by this study.

I am very grateful to Reverend John H. Cross and Mrs. Dorothy B. Lee for the helpful assistance they gave me in compiling this study. Separate copies will be made up and can be secured by writing to Amos C. Clark, 316 E. Clay Street, Richmond 19, Virginia.

Danville Conference

We are requesting all chapters churches, civic and fraternal organizations to send full representation to the Conference.

Please check all homes in your city to ascertain those showing 100% voting status. Every home will receive a seal showing 100% qualification. Businesses, civic, fraternal organizations, and churches showing 100% voting personnel will receive certificates of merit. (continue on back page)

tration	Registration Status 1961	Gain or Loss	No. Not registered	Pledged 25% registration inc.	White registration
	988	+188	6497	1617	5524
	421	+ 41	2061	515	2133
	555	+ 95	1979	495	2320
	158	-367	904	226	1591
	403	+ 58	568	142	3295
	110	N. C.	161	41	6065
	350		1514	378	1310
	569	- 1	902	225	4024
	11886	+400	33490	837	67851
	2461	+147	7360	1840	6453
	2824	+126	6695	1673	32299
	1322	-, 12	1178	295	10496
	16 396	+755	37323	933	53447
	1667		4907	1226	14106
	388	+ 11	1000	250	5325
	925	-175	1971	492	3025
	3319	+378	7506	1876	16678
	256	-124	650	163	5695
	1872	+ 91	4516	1129	11101
	37		77	19	3746
	876		133	33	1473
	510		2948	737	5564
	1859	+474	4451	1113	10051
	294		2206	551	3062
	62, 836		164, 215	25, 128	377, 368

CHAPTER LOCATION, CIVIC A
of the
VIRGINIA VOTERS
For 1960-

Name of Chapter	City or County	Voting Age 1960	Registrat Status 1960
Albemarle	Albemarle	2576	683
Amelia	Amelia	1924	638
Bedford	Bedford	3044	858
Antee	Brunswick	4734	765
St. John	Caroline	3210	1058
Chesterfield Mt. Nebo	Chesterfield	5862	1320
Clarke	Clarke	786	194
Culpeper	Culpeper	2068	421
Occupatio	Essex	1666	280
Gloucester	Gloucester	1882	676
Dover	Goochland	2312	752
Hanover District Henry District Beaverdam	Hanover	3302	575
Isle of Wight Smithfield	Isle of Wight	4317	1063
Buena Vista King & Queen	King & Queen	1617	400
Tuckahoe - Brooklin Varina	Henrico	3397	956
Surry	Surry	1842	450
Amberg Saluda	Middlesex	1363	266

ND SUFFRAGE PROGRAM

LEAGUE, INC.
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ion	Registration Status 1961	Gain or Loss	No. Not registered	Pledged 25% registration inc.	White registration
	760	+ 77	1816	454	4670
	644	+ 6	1280	320	1968
	960	+102	2084	521	6675
	819	+ 54	3915	989	3813
	910	-148	2300	575	2175
	1585	+265	4004	1001	16200
	218	+ 24	568	142	2743
	468	+ 47	1600	400	4554
	315	+ 35	1350	337	950
	900	+224	982	245	3268
	635	-117	1677	419	1383
	876	+301	2426	606	5555
	1091	+ 28	3226	804	3654
	435	+ 35	1202	302	815
	977	+ 21	2420	605	39757
	565	+115	1277	319	1479
	232	- 34	1131	283	1075

Continue on back.

Chapter location, civic and suffrage program continued

Name of Chapter	City or County	Voting Age 1960	Regis Status 1960
Southampton	Southampton	7435	800
Louisa Louisa-Jackson	Louisa	2482	380
Plymouth Pleasant Grove	Lunenburg	2534	460
Mathews	Mathews	1062	525
Stafford	Stafford	971	345
Luray	Page	271	110
King William	King William	1864	
Fredericksburg	Fredericksburg	1471	570
Norfolk City	Norfolk	45 376	11486
Petersburg City	Petersburg	9821	2316
Roanoke City	Roanoke	9519	2698
Charlottesville City	Charlottesville	2500	1334
Richmond City	Richmond	53719	15641
Lynchburg	Lynchburg	6574	
Staunton	Staunton	1388	377
Prince Edward	Prince Edward	2896	1100
Hampton	Hampton	10825	2941
Pulaski	Pulaski	1030	380
Danville City	Danville	6388	1781
Falls Church	Falls Church	114	
King George	King George	1009	
Nottoway	Nottoway	3458	
Norfolk	Norfolk County	6310	1385
Charlotte C. H.	Charlotte	2500	
	TOTALS	227,419	59,984

By Amos C. Clark, Jr.
Amos C. Clark, Executive Secretary
VIRGINIA VOTERS LEAGUE, INC.

We often ask the question, "What time is it? and very often after the time has been verified, there is the usual response--"It is later than (I) thought." Yes, it is always later than you think. Frankly speaking, it means that we are always striving to catch up with time. When we attempt to enumerate the uses to which we have utilized the time at our disposal, we can always think of things that we could have done--but failed or neglected to do them.

The Greeks had two words to designate time--chronos and kairos. Chronos is time as measured by the clock or the calendar. But kairos is the time as measured by opportunity. The former is portrayed as an old man, bowed down by the weight of years, and his face is incredibly sad. It symbolizes the mere passage of time. As nothing has been done with time, nothing is left save a legacy of futile regret which is indicated by the tragic figure whose spirit has been broken by the passage of time. The latter concept of time "kairos" is pictured as a youth who is swift runner. The back of his head is clean shaven whereas the hair in front is long. It symbolizes the truth that, if we are to seize the time-charged opportunity, we must be prepared for it as it comes and grasp it by the forelock.

Fellow Americans and fellow Virginians, it is later than we think in the area of civil rights. Less than three months from now we will be called upon to exercise our privilege as a citizen by voting. So between now and November, let us use every opportunity to persuade others to become registered voters.

--Reverend John H. Cross, Director
Third Congressional District

PAY YOUR POLL TAXES--
REGISTER--
AND VOTE

Danville Conference (continued)

Please return your credential with your elected delegates to the Home Office at once. We must have this information in order to be able to organize the conference for September 30.

--Herman T. Benn, President
Amos C. Clark, Executive Secretary

CHAPTERS STATUS

Chapter Standing	Chapter	Membership Goal	Reported	Need to make goal
1	Isle of Wight	100	93	7
2	Danville	100	71	29
3	Henrico	100	42	58
4	Gloucester	100	36	64
5	Smithfield	100	33	67
6	Chesterfield	100	27	73
7	Mt. Nebo	100	26	74
	Louisa	100	26	74
8	Plymouth	100	25	75
9	Henry District	100	22	78
	Southampton	100	22	78
10	Dover	100	20	80
11	Richmond	100	15	85
12	Franklin	100	12	88
13	Norfolk	100	05	95

We admonish every chapter in the contest to redouble their efforts with a determination to make the Century Club on or before September 15,, the deadline for competitive efforts in this membership contest.

--Amos C. Clark

V. V. L. News Letter

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Dear Presidents, Officers and Members of the
Virginia Voters League, Inc.

The onward march of time has brought us face to face with our annual suffrage campaign. We have planned to enter zestfully into this campaign with a determination to enhance our voting strength during the next five months in a very substantial way.

We are suggesting that you call into action your present suffrage committees and where their membership has deteriorated by the loss of workers, recruit new workers for them. In new chapters we suggest that you organize suffrage committees consisting of not less than five members. The duty of these committees will be to supervise the suffrage campaign. A chart showing your obligations in this campaign is included in this newsletter.

In order that we may be able to keep an account of the progress that we are making in the campaign, we are requesting that reports be made every two months. The workers will make their report to the suffrage committee in charge of their area, and the suffrage committee will report to the president of the chapter and he in turn will send in his report to the office. The first report should be in the office not later than January 5, 1962, the second report by March 5, and the third and final report should be in the office not later than May 10.

We are suggesting that in the rural areas that you will assign workers to cover all the roads in the community. In cities the

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Dear Presidents.....V.V.L. (continued)

workers will be assigned to streets and blocks. By this arrangement we will be able to reach every prospective voter in our community.

Presidents please keep your eye on the totals opposite your chapter so you will know when it is necessary to quicken your pace in order to meet your quota on or before the deadline.

PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR 1961-'62 -- The reason for our existance as an organization is plainly set forth in our constitution, to be that of putting on the voting list every potential voter of our race. Thus we are concentrating our efforts towards the accomplishment of that objective.

In our recent State Conference in Danville, we pledged ourselves to higher suffrage goals and more intensified efforts to reach them. FIRST: Whereas we increased our chapters last year by only five, we are asking that we set our chapter goal at twenty new chapters this year. This will give us five hundred new members for the League. SECOND: We have twenty-six lapsed chapters. We recommend a strong drive to reinstate these chapters. This effort should yield us at least three hundred members. Combining this figure with that yielded from new chapters with the Century Club result should place our membership at the 2,500 mark.

We are encouraged with the number of early chapter entrance in the Century Club contest. In June of this year, we had only twelve participating chapters in the contest, whereas we are starting this year with seven contestants. We are happy to report that we have two or three engagements to organize chapters in different parts of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

Amos Clark, Executive Secretary

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FALL CONFERENCE
November 12, '61

The Fall Conference of the 3rd Congressional District of the Virginia Voters League was called to order at 2:15 P. M. with the 3rd District Congressional Director, Reverend John H. Cross, presiding. Prayer was offered by Reverend S. H. Thompson. Congregational singing. The Director made some very interesting remarks then proceeded with the completion of his roster. The following committee chairmen were elected:

Reverend S. H. Thompson, Program Chairman for the entire 3rd District.
Mrs. Olga M. Carmichael, Suffrage Chairman for the entire 3rd District.
Mrs. Elizabeth Putney, Chairman of Finance for the entire 3rd District.

Next in order was the time and place of the next 3rd District Conference. The chairman stated that we hold two conferences per year. One the Second Sunday in November and the other the First Sunday in April.

Mr. A. C. Clark, our Executive Secretary, suggested that we take up this matter of time and place with the Executive Committee and the District Program Committee.

Mr. Clark was asked by the chairman to give the Conference a summary of the Suffrage set-up. He beautifully outlined the work of the Suffrage Committee. The reports were submitted in the following order: 1st Report, January 5, 1961; Second Report, March 5, 1961 and the Third report will be made May 5, 1962.

Refreshments were served by Mr. R. A. Bracey, Jr., Chairman of the Executive Committee.

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CENTURY CLUB CHAPTER STANDING

Chapter Standing	Name of Chapter	Goal	Membership Reported	Members needed to make goal
1	Fauquier	100	51	49
2	Mathews	100	25	75
3	Brooklin	100	23	72
4	Ashland District	100	13	87
	Franklin	100	13	87
5	Gloucester	100	5	95
6	Richmond County	100	2	98
7	Southampton	100	1	99
0	Danville	100		100
0	Henry District	100		100
0	Chesterfield	100		100
0	Louisa	100		100
0	Smithfield	100		100
0	Dover			
	Goochland	100		100
0	Plymouth (Lunenburg)	100		100
0	Mt. Nebo	100		100
0	Norfolk	100		100
0	Camptown	100		100

See next page for comments

- - Amos C. Clark, Executive Secretary

COMMENTS--Century Club Chapter Standing-- Explanation of the relationship of the Century Club contest and your chapter membership follows. The Century Club Contest was launched on September 22. At that time all chapters stood on point zero. This marked the beginning of the 1961-'62 Century Club Contest. All members coming in would serve to boost your present membership. It can be readily seen that the purpose of the Century Club is to build the membership of the League. The Century Club membership does not indicate the present chapter membership.

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Fall Conference (continued)

The following chapters were represented at the Conference:

Richmond — Gravel Hill
Brookland — Chesterfield
Mt. Nebo — Henrico
Lee Union

Reverend J. E. Turner, our Assistant Executive Secretary, gave timely remarks.

The first session of the Conference came to a close at 3:29 P.M. We reconvened at 3:40 P. M. at which time Dr. J. Rupert Picott, Executive Secretary, Virginia Teachers Association, gave us an illustrated address and showed movie slides of his trip around the world. In addition, Dr. Picott paid glowing tribute to our own Mr. Amos C. Clark. Many thanks to him.

The Reverend Waverly Taylor beautifully installed the officers of the 3rd Congressional District. The officers are as follows:

Reverend J. H. Cross, Director
Reverend S. H. Thompson, Assistant Director
Mrs. Olga M. Carmichael, Suffrage Chairman
Mrs. Olivia Wilkerson, Assistant Suffrage Chairman
Reverend S. H. Thompson, Program Chairman
Mrs. Elizabeth Putney, Treasurer & Mrs. Mary V. Thompson, Secretary
Mr. R. A. Bracey, Jr., Chairman Executive Committee

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Brookland Dis.	Henrico	3397	977	0	
Chesterfield	Chesterfield	5862	1585	0	
Danville	Danville	6388	1872	0	
Dover	Goochland	2312	635	0	
Franklin	Southampton	7435	988	0	
Gloucester	Gloucester	1882	900	0	
Henry Dis.	Hanover	3397	876	0	
Isle of Wight Co.		4317	1091	0	
Louisa	Louisa Co.	2482	421	0	
Mathews	Mathews Co.	1062	403	0	
Mt. Nebo	C'field Co.	5862	1585	0	
Norfolk	Norfolk	45376	11886	0	
Plymouth	Lunenburg	2534	555	0	
Richmond	Richmond	53719	16396	0	
Smithfield	Isle of Wight County	4317	1091	0	
Southampton	Southampton	7435	988	0	
Rappahannock		540	350	0	
Fauquier		3093	500	0	
TOTALS		16,4712	43,975		1

PARADOX OF THE POLL TAX

-- Herman T. Benn

It is indeed a paradox that the government that makes the payment of poll tax a prerequisite of voting does not want you to pay this tax. The purpose of the tax is to help keep the electorate small, and therefore, the power of the government in the hands of a few, and that few is the so-called Byrd Regime. These political bosses take the position that we as ordinary citizens of this our Commonwealth of Virginia would be complacent, apathetic, and too stupid to pay for our political emancipation, expecially if we would be force to pay for it six months in adva

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4516	1129	564	11101
1677	419	204	1383
6497	808	404	5524
982	245	122	3268
2426	303	151	5555
3226	804	402	3654
2061	515	257	2133
659	164	100	3295
4004	500	250	16200
33490	8372	900	67851
1974	495	247	2320
37323	9337	1000	53447
3226	806	403	3654
6497	809	404	5524
190	48		1900
2593	648		4340
20,191	26,911	6,111	252,660

to an election. It is time to prove that we are wrong. We must put forth a concerted effort and spearhead a drive throughout the state of Virginia, to encourage our citizens to pay their poll tax at least by Dec. 5, 1961. The registration drive can follow the poll tax drive between December, 1961 and May, 1962.

We must pay the poll tax in order to defeat it as well as its purpose. Let's prove that we are not politically stupid, apathetic or complacent, but we will destroy every road block that stand in the way of full citizenship and human dignity.

Fall Conference (continued)

Mr. Amos Clark presented the Brookland Chapter with its Charter.

The following persons consented to work district wide to build up the Virginia Voters League:

Mrs. Mary V. Thompson	Mrs. Annette V. Boston
Mrs. Elizabeth Putney	Mrs. Olivia Wilkerson
Mr. Richard Johns	Mr. R. A. Bracey
Mr. Walter H. Brown	Mr. Emmette Gregory
Rev. J. H. Cross, Director	Rev. W. E. Taylor, Jr.

Mrs. Olga M. Carmichael, Acting Secretary

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FIELD NOTES:

Our Brooklin Chapter's membership climbed from fifty-three to sixty-five. The Chapter's century activities are building up its membership in a very fine way.

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We heard from our Gloucester Chapter in the last few days with an excellent membership report.

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A fine chapter of the Virginia Voters League was organized at Warrenton (Fauquier County) on October 25. Captain John W. Childs had assembled a group of fifty citizens of Rappahannock and Fauquier counties for the institution of this chapter. Captain Childs is an influential leader of that community and commands an impressive following. Dr. E.B. Henderson, Director of the 10th Congressional District, sparked this successful occasion by getting Captain Childs in the Virginia Voters League. This Chapter is now standing at the head of the Century Club contest.

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Two chapters of the Virginia Voters League, Inc. were organized in Franklin, Virginia. The two chapters are:

Franklin Chapter in Isle of Wight County
Camptown Chapter in Southampton County

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Members composing these two chapters met in a joint meeting where their officers were installed jointly by Reverend James E. Turner, Assistant Executive Secretary.

The following are the officers of the Camptown Chapter:

[redacted] Rudolph Lawrence	President
Rev. G. W. Johnson	Vice President
Booker T. Sessom	Secretary
Dillard Malone	Treasurer
M. C. Lawrence	Chaplain
Waylon Lawrence	Chairman, Membership Committee

The officers of the Franklin Chapter are as follows:

Thadeus Crocker	President
Rev. E. D. Harrell	Vice President
Mrs. Viola Smith	Secretary
Harvey Barnes	Treasurer
Mrs. Roberta R. Bolden	Chairman, Registration Committee

Executive Secretary, Amos C. Clark, launched the two chapters into the current suffrage drive and asked them to join hands with the other chapters in these counties and reduce very substantially the number of non-registered voters by the first of May, 1962.

Mrs. Roberta R. Bolden, Director of the Fourth Congressional District is bringing things to pass in her field and we extend to her our most hearty congratulation for the fine work she is doing.

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THE STORY OF THE POLL TAX

(When? Why? -- And did it do what it was intended to do?)

Few Virginians realize that the poll tax is a modern invention. It is only sixty years old. With the exception of 1876-1882, Virginians never had to pay a poll tax in order to vote prior to 1902.

The Constitutional Convention of 1901-1902 adopted the poll tax as the simplest way of reducing the Negro vote and crippling the Republican party.

During the 1890's, the Democratic and Republican parties in Virginia were nearly evenly matched and fraud was consistently practiced in elections in various parts of the state. Many contested elections were carried to the National House of Representatives. When the last of these cases was decided by seating a Republican though his Domocratic opponent received a returned majority of 5,979, the Richmond Times wrote on March 14, 1900:

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WHERE ARE WE IN THE CYCLE?

-- Herman T. Benn

According to an article in a recent issue of Liberty Magazine "History seems to confirm the saying that peoples of past civilizations have passed through nine steps to complete a cycle beginning and ending in bondage: People in bondage have developed spiritual faith: spiritual faith has given them great courage; courage has brought them freedom; freedom has given them abundance; abundance has caused selfishness; selfishness produced complacency; complacency brought on apathy;

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

FIRST

Congressional Director:

Accomack
Charles City
Essex
Gloucester
Hampton
James City
King & Queen
New Kent
Mathews
Middlesex
Newport News
Northampton
Princess Anne
Virginia Beach
Warwick
Williamsburg
York

SECOND

Congressional Director: T.L. Dabney

Norfolk City
Norfolk County
Portsmouth
South Norfolk

THIRD

Congressional Directors: J. H. Cross and S. H. Thompson

Chesterfield
Colonial Heights
Henrico
Richmond City

FOURTH

Congressional Directors: Mrs. R. R. Bolden and S. A. Holmes

Amelia
Appomattox

Fourth (continued)

Brunswick
Buckingham
Cumberland
Dinwiddie
Greenville
Hopewell
Isle of Wight
Lunenburg
Mecklenburg
Nansemond
Nottoway
Petersburg
Powhatan
Prince Edward
Prince George
Southampton
Suffolk
Surry
Sussex

FIFTH

Congressional Director: M. C. Martin

Charlotte
Halifax
Pittsylvania
Franklin
Henry
Patrick
Carroll
Wythe
Grayson
Martinsville
Danville

SIXTH

Congressional Director: Mrs. Bernice L. Hill

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SIXTH (continued)

Campbell
Bedford
Botetourt
Alleghany
Craig
Montgomery
Roanoke
Floyd
Lynchburg

SEVENTH

Congressional Director:
Ollie Jackson

Amherst	Nelson
Augusta	Page
Bath	Rappahannock
Buena Vista	Rockbridge
Clarke	Rockingham
Frederick	Shenandoah
Highland	Staunton
Harrisonburg	Warren
Madison	Waynesboro
Winchester	

EIGHTH

Congressional Director:
Contee Robinson

Albemarle	King William
Caroline	Lancaster
Charlottesville	Loudoun
Culpeper	Louisa
Fauquier	Northumberland
Fluvanna	Stafford
Fredericksburg	Spotsylvania
Goochland	Orange
Greene	Prince William
Hanover	Richmond
King George	Westmoreland

NINTH

Congressional Director:

Bland
Bristol
Buchanan
Dickerson
Giles
Lee
Norton
Pulaski
Russell
Scott
Smyth
Tazewell
Washington
Wise

TENTH

Congressional Director:
E. B. Henderson

Alexandria
Arlington
Fairfax
Falls Church

REMEMBER !!!!!!

1. If you have not sent in your chapter reports for Nov., Dec., Jan. and Feb., please do so.

2. Our representatives in the U.S. Congress will be elected this year.

3. Get ready for the day when we will be voting against the Blank Registration Law.

VVL POINT SYSTEM

(Note: Awards to be determined by the number of points earned.)

Five points for each member obtained for local chapter by a member.

Two points for each person contacted by a member in regard to suffrage program.

Four points for each person that the member is responsible for registering.

Three points for each person that a member is responsible for paying his poll tax.

One hundred points to the chapter that has the highest yearly percentage of attendance during the 12 months between annual meetings.

One hundred points to the chapter that makes the highest contribution to the state body from Jackson Day programs and all other sources.

One hundred points to the Congressional Director who shows the highest percentage of members in his district.

One hundred points to the Congressional Director who shows the highest percentage of voters qualification in his district.

One hundred points to the Congressional Director who shows the highest percentage of voter qualification during the year.

Local chapters to make their report to their Congressional Director who shall make his report to the Executive Council quarterly.

Cycle.....(continued)

apathy begot dependency; dependency brought forth its natural result, bondage".

As we contemplate upon the attitude of the majority of our fellow citizens in Virginia, and observe how second-class citizenship is accepted without apparent resistence, it would appear that we are at the step in the cycle where complacency has brought on apathy.

May I take this means to suggest that all interested leaders, especially of our ethnic group, contact the home office by bringing or forwarding suggestions on how we can as a state-wide voting body do more to move our group forward from this point in the cycle.

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Fauquier		3093	500	0
TOTALS		164,712	43,975	

WHO MAY VOTE IN VIRGINIA:

. . . Any person who is 21 years of age and over who has been a resident of the State for 1 year; the county, city, or town for 6 months; the precinct in which he shall vote for 30 days, before an election.

. . . Having met the age and residence qualifications, the prospective voter must pay at 6 months prior to the general election, his poll taxes to the County or City Treasurer.

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120,191	26,911	6,459	252,660

. . . Take the Treasurer's receipt to the County or City Registrar and request an application for registration. The application is to be filled out in your own handwriting setting forth: Your name, age, date and place of birth, residence and occupation at the time and last year's, and whether you have previously voted, and if so, the state, county, and precinct in which you voted last.

. . . Upon completion of the application, you will have to take an oath in the presence of the Registrar stating that the answers in the application are true.

IMPORTANT POLITICAL DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, May 5, 1962 - The deadline for the payment of your poll taxes, if you expect to vote in July and November.

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Saturday, June 9, 1962 - The last day to register to vote in the July primary.

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Tuesday, July 10, 1962 - The Democratic Primary Election

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Saturday, October 6, 1962 - The last day to register for the General Election.

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Tuesday, November 6, 1962 - General Election Day.

Attorney Benn, President of the state body, called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to plan for the annual Founders Day program. He requested the executive secretary to present an outline of the program which he had worked out. The date of the program suggested was the first Saturday in June which was approved. A number of committees were appointed among which included the Publicity Committee. Messrs Amos C. Clark and T. Milton Carter were appointed to that Committee. Mesdames Daisy Baxter and Olga Carmicheal were chairman and co-chairman of the General Committee, which consisted of the additional persons-- Dr. Harry Roberts, Mr. Contee Robinson, Mrs. V. L. Douglas, Mr. Bailey, Attorney Wilder, Mr. Amos C. Clark. Dr. Roberts was appointed to the program committee.

Dr. Roberts suggested that we get nationally known organizations to work with us and thereby share the experience of some of their leaders as speakers. His suggestion was well taken and President Benn requested him to explore the possibility for such cooperation.

Executive Secretary, Amos C. Clark, recommended a workshop on Voter registration covering step by step from assessment for the payment of taxes through casting the ballot.

President Benn announced that communications had been sent to all Congressional Directors urging them to be present with representatives on April 14, 1962 at the VTA Building at 1:00 P. M.

Tickets for the Founders Day were distributed by the Executive Secretary. He was authorized to send tickets to all chapters that did not have representatives in this meeting.

Our Dover Chapter of Goochland presented thirty-five ($35.00) dollars for their Luther P. Jackson dinner program.

-- Herman T. Benn, President
Mrs. Helena M. Payne, Secretary

PAY YOUR POLL TAX

REGISTER

VOTE!!!

VVL - CENTURY CLUB CHAPTER STATUS

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	Franklin	100	13	87
5	Isle of Wight	100	10	90
6	Louisa County	100	8	92
	Camptown	100	8	92
7	Richmond City	100	5	95
	Gloucester	100	5	95
8	Southampton	100	1	99
	Chapters Standing on Zero			
	Danville	100	0	100
	Henry District	100	0	100
	Chesterfield	100	0	100
	Mt. Nebo	100	0	100
	Dover, Goochland	100	0	100
	Plymouth	100	0	100
	Norfolk	100	0	100
	Westmoreland	100	0	100

NOTE: Our Fauquier-Rappahannock Chapter has made a successful fun by crossing the goal line a few days ago with 105 members enrolled. Captain James W. Childs is president of that chapter.

The Story of the Poll Tax (continued)

"The same argument of fraud in elections is sufficient in every case before a partisan House to evict a Democrat and seat a Republican...The only remedy is in the qualification of suffrage to eliminate the Negro vote." It was unnecessary for the Richmond Times to add that by eliminating the Negro vote the Republican party would also be eliminated as a serious contender for control of the state. This is what the Democratic leaders determined to do by adopting the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in the Constitution of 1902.

The results must have surpassed the fondest expectations of the Democratic leaders. Not only was the Negro vote almost entirely eliminated, but the white vote was also greatly reduced in size. The total number of Virginians voting for President in 1900 was 264,095. Largely as a result of the poll tax, this was cut to 129,929 in 1904. Or to put it differently, 59% of the total potential voting pupulation voted in 1900, while only 27.3% voted in 1904. In other words, the electorate had been cut in half.

Because of the poll tax, the Democratic party lost more than 40% of its strength, but the Republican party emerged with only one-third of its strength left.

Consequently, from 1902 to 1952 Virginia was without a working two-party system. The Democratic organization ruled the roost. Even in the Presidential election of 1952, only about one-third of of the potential voters voted, whereas a century ago (in 1860) 70% of the potential voters voted.

Dr. McDaniel, in his history of the Constitutional Convention of 1901-1902, admitted that the suffrage provisions of the Constitution of 1902 had delivered the state into the hands of "a small proportion of her citizens to whom personal and political gain is often the chief consideration." This was what the poll tax was intended to do, and this is exactly what it has done.

--Amos C. Clark

Synoptic copy of the Proceedings
Founders Day Planning Committee
Virginia Voters League

The Planning Committee for Founders Day program of the Virginia Voters League met on March 21, at 1:00 P.M. at the VTA Building, Richmond. The following representatives were present: Mr. Contee Robinson, Ashland; Mrs. Olga Carmicheal, Mrs. Venus L. Douglas, Atty. Herman T. Benn, Mr. T. Milton Carter, and Mrs. Helena Payne, Richmond; Dr. Harry W. Roberts, Virginia State College; Mrs. Daisy Baxter, Chesterfield and Mr. Bailey, labor representative.

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TO BECOME ONE WHO REALLY COUNTS

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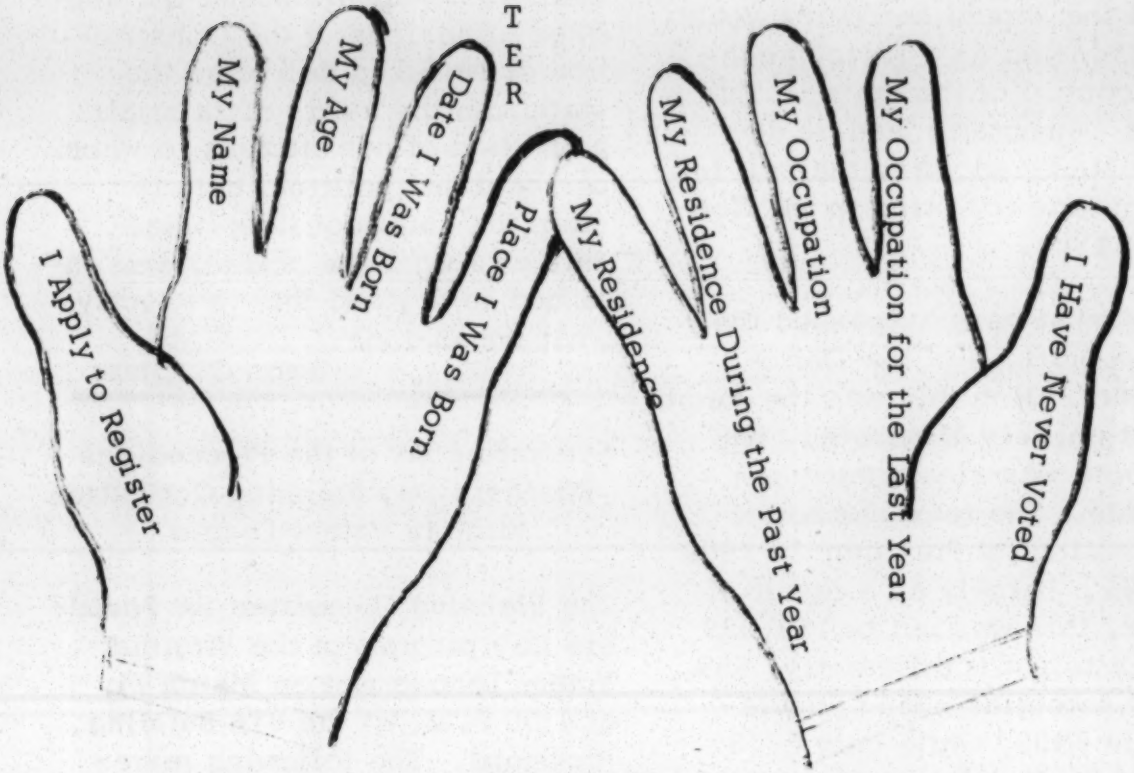

Learn the above ten points before you go to register.
Be able to write a letter stating them - for example:

I, John Doe, Age 21, apply to register. I was born in Maintown, Any state, on January 2, 1936. I live in (county/city) _____, Virginia, at or near _____. I have lived there for the past year. I am a laborer, and have worked as such for the past year. I have never voted.

JOHN DOE

Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

April 1, 1962

Attorney Wiley Blanton
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Forsythe:

As Director of Research and as a member of the General Planning and Program committee of the Virginia Voters League, I have been authorized to contact you. Mr. Heslip M. Lee, Executive Director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations, of which I have been a Board member since its beginning and am now secretary, gave me your name and address. If we have misspelled your name, please forgive us. I may add that I was Director of Research for the Southern Regional Council a few years ago to make a survey of Negro voting behavior in Virginia.

The Virginia Voters League which was founded in 1939 by a former colleague of mine is the one and only state-wide organization in Virginia among Negroes which has as its single purpose to get every citizen eligible to vote and effectively active politically. I am enclosing "The Aims, Purpose, Program" folder and flyer and a copy of the program of the Twenty-First Annual Conference, held in Danville last year. We have 12-15 active chapters, county-or city-wide. We could have more but for our weak finances, depending, as we do, solely on memberships and Luther P. Jackson dinners by the chapters once a year.

We (the state organization) are having a Founder's Day Program and Dinner Saturday, June 2, 1962 in Richmond, Virginia. We should like to make this, particularly, in light of the voter registration program which I understand you head, the most important event in our entire history. There are two direct questions which we should like to address to you: (1) We should like to have as our main speaker a national figure who would draw a large audience and give information and inspiration for our work. We should like that person to be you. Our problem is that we have no money to pay the speaker whoever he may be. Could you come? (2) We are a ready-made instrument for the voter registration drive with a machine functioning in the number of chapters named above and could expand our activities with financial assistance. Are any funds available from

your organization that could be appropriated for our use were we to present a program or were we to fit into yours?

We should be most happy to hear from you on these questions and on any other matters of mutual concern at your earliest convenience. May we congratulate you upon being selected for heading up this all-important project and we wish for you and for all of us the greatest success.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry W. Roberts

Harry W. Roberts, Head
Department of Sociology

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Va Voters League

April 18, 1962

Dr. Harry W. Roberts, Head
Department of Sociology
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Roberts:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of April 17 in which I accepted your invitation to address the Virginia Voters League on Saturday, June 2, 1962, in Richmond, Virginia.

I would appreciate your sending me details regarding the program as soon as they have been more fully developed.

I expect to go to Arkansas over the weekend, and will mail to you within a few days the biography and other material which you requested.

As you probably know, our Voter Education Project will be working primarily with five major agencies, and we will have to consider the requests from those agencies before we can begin to consider requests from organizations such as the Virginia Voters League. I note that NAACP and SCLC are both working in the state of Virginia, and the Richmond branch of the National Urban League has also agreed to participate in our program. Because of the participation by these two agencies in your state, it may well be that we could not consider making a grant to your organization during this year, at least, but this should not be construed as any final answer in the absence of a specific request from you and without the benefit of a description of your planned program.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton
Project Director

April 27, 1962

Mr. Herman T. Benn, President
Virginia State Voters League, Inc.
301 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Benn:

In reply to your letter of April 17, I note that I have accepted the invitation extended to me through Dr. Harry Roberts to address the Virginia State Voters League in Richmond on Saturday, June 2, 1962.

I am certain that we could not give any assistance to the Virginia State Voters League prior to that date, and I would suggest that I discuss the possibility of financial assistance with your organization when I come to Richmond the first week of June.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton
Project Director

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Va. State Voters League

April 23, 1962

Mr. Herman T. Benn
Attorney at Law
301 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Benn:

In Mr. Branton's absence from the office, this is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 17. Your letter will be brought to Mr. Branton's attention as soon as he returns.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Margaret R. Rilling
Secretary to Mr. Branton

APR 19 1962

Herman T. Benn
Attorney at Law
301 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia
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April 17, 1962

Wylie Branton, Esquire
Voter Educational Center
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta 5, Ga.

Dear Mr. Branton:

Mr. H. M. Lee, Executive Director of Virginia Council of Human Relations, and Dr. Harry Roberts of Virginia State College, suggested that I communicate with you as President of the Virginia State Voters League, Inc..

The League was organized in 1939 at Virginia State College, and Dr. Luther Jackson, a Professor of History at said college was its President for a number of years. This League is a state-wide organization with a Congressional Director in charge of each of the ten Congressional Districts of the state, whose duty is to see that a chapter of the League is functioning in each of the political subdivisions of the respective Congressional Districts, that is, the counties, large towns and cities, in order to encourage every Negro citizen in the state to become a qualified voter. The work of the organization has been greatly handicapped due to lack of funds.

We would be very pleased if you or some of your representatives could find it convenient to meet with us at an early date with a view of working out a program to accomplish our mutual goal.

Thank you for any consideration you may give this matter.

Very truly yours,

Herman T. Benn

Herman T. Benn

HTB/otp

June 25, 1962

Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Director of Research
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Re: Virginia Voters League

Dear Dr. Roberts:

This will acknowledge receipt of the formal request by the Virginia Voters League for financial assistance in a long-range voter registration and education program.

As I explained to you during my recent visit to Richmond, any final decision regarding support for your organization cannot be made until after we have decided what projects the Voter Education Project will sponsor through the major participants in your state.

The information which you have submitted will enable us to study long-range plans for work in your state, and it is possible that we may have to delay any decision for your organization for several weeks. However, you may be assured that full consideration will be given your request. We cannot make any commitments at this time; and, even if we should decide to give financial support to the Virginia Voters League, I think it is imperative that you continue your own fund raising projects.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton
Project Director

WAB:gwc

cc: Mr. Herman T. Benn

Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

June 9, 1962

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Attorney Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project, Southern Regional Council
Room 206; 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Attorney Branton:

You made a most excellent contribution to the Voter Registration Drive in Virginia by your presence and by your inspiring and informing address delivered last Saturday on the occasion of the Founders Day Celebration of the Virginia Voters League, Inc. In the audience were representatives of many civic organizations in Virginia and from chapters of the League. We apologize for our failure to get to you our final arrangements. Your coming to us inspite of this makes us all the more grateful to you.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and every member of our League, we express our sincerest thanks and deepest appreciation for the great service you rendered.

We hope that we shall be able sometime to have you come to Virginia under a different set of circumstances.

In a few days you will receive our request for financial assistance. We are so happy that we had a chance to talk with you face-to-face on our common concern.

We wish for you continued success in your new leadership role.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry W. Roberts

Harry W. Roberts, Director
of Research

HWR/cen

JUN 11 1962

A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN PROSECUTING
THE VOTER-REGISTRATION PROGRAM

by The Virginia Voters League, Inc.

We, the undersigned representatives of the Virginia Voters League, upom the authority of the Executive Council of siad League, hereby submit our request.

The Virginia Voters League was founded in 1941. Relevant Sections of the Constitution are as follows:

Article II. - Purpose

Section I. - The purpose of this organization shall be to collect civic information and statistics pertaining to the government and to distribute such information to people of the State; to instruct the use of the ballot; to teach the power of suffrage; to train people of the State to become one hundred percent citizens of the Commonwealth; and to make every person in every community of the State a qualified voter.

Section II. - This organization shall be a civic activity; non-profit and non-partisan in scope.

Article III. - Membership

Section I. All the persons in the State of Virginia are eligible for membership in this organization.

Section II. - Any group or group of individuals, or any organization or associations in this State shall be eligible for membership in this organization.

Article IV. - Officers and Duties

Section I. - Officers of organization shall be president, vice-president, recording secretary, an assistant secretary, a treasurer and an executive secretary.

Article VII. - Congressional Districts

Section I. - This organization shall function through the Congressional Districts in the State of Virginia

Section II. - Each Congressional District shall have a chairman whose duty is to supervise the activities within his district.

Section III. - The chairman of the Congressional Districts shall be elected by the members of their respective Congressional Districts in October of each year.

Section IV. - Each Congressional District shall be further divided into County and City units.

Section V. - County and City units shall have the authority to divide themselves into strategic subdivisions in order to promote efficient operation within the particular county or city.

Article VIII. - Executive Council

Section I. - The supreme powers of this organization shall be vested in the (Executive Council) The Virginia Voters League.

Section II. - The duly elected officers of this organization and the duly elected chairman of the Congressional Districts and five members elected at-large shall constitute the Executive Council.

Article IX. - Official Publications

This organization publishes annually "The Voting Status of Negroes in Virginia."

For the twenty-one years since its founding, the Virginia Voters League has been continuously working against great financial handicaps, with no equipment or facilities of its own and with voluntary labor in seeking to implement its objective, namely, to make every citizen in Virginia a qualified and active voter.

We regard your Voter Education Project one of the most significant things that has happened in Virginia to counteract the effect of the Constitutional Convention of 1902 which had as its purpose to limit citizen participation in government. The League has been working at the Voter Education Project for the past 21 years, and with some financial assistance we can help make your Project a success in Virginia.

What as an organization do we have to offer you or to justify our request?

1. Need - You have recognized the need in the State for the Voter Education Project by the fact that you have launched a program here. Our need is for tools to do the job and some paid personnel.

2. Idea - We have the philosophy, purpose and goals of this project clearly defined.

3. Organization or sturcture - As seen by the relevant portions of our Constitution quoted above we are organized on a state and local basis by Congressional Districts and County and City chapters.

4. Processes and Procedures - Over the twenty-one years we have hammered out effective ways of pursuing our purpose at the grass-root level.

5. Experience - We have an unbroken record of twenty-one years of experience in a voter education and registration program.

6. Public Approval - Because our activities are primarily educational and has not involved court action (although our members belong to such organizations) there is no stigma attached to the organization which makes it possible for us to work effectively in some areas where it would be extremely difficult for some organizations to operate at all.

7. Leaders and willing workers - Our leaders and workers come from all levels and sections of our common life.

8. Members - We have some four hundred (400) members.

9. History - We have twenty-one years of continuous existance and activity and are known throughout the State.

10. Tradition - The founder of our League was the late Luther P. Jackson, Sr., an eminent professor and Head of the Department of history at Virginia State College. His name is a great source of inspiration for this work. Each chapter each year holds a Jackson Day dinner as a memorial to him and as a way of financing their activities.

11. Research Program - From its beginning, the League has prosecuted research on the political behaviour of Negroes in the State and is committed to the publication and distribution of its findings annually. These reports, eagerly awaited, have been widely used all over the State by individuals and organizations including the Public schools, colleges and universities and have served as a basis for our education and action program.

12. Accomplishments - Much of the increase in the number of qualified voters in the State has been due to the work of the League.

The above twelve items form the basis of our appeal.

Active Chapters of the Virginia Voters League, Inc.

Rank Order of Strength[1]	Name of Chapter	Congressional District
1	Fauquier	Eighth
2	Smithfield	Fourth
3	Dover	Eighth
4	Louisa	Eighth
5	Camptown	Fourth
6	Mathews	First
6	Chesterfield	Third
7	Brookland	Third
8	Southampton	Fourth
9	Richmond City	Third
10	Ashland Dist.	Eight
11	Isle of Wight	Fourth
12	Franklin	Fourth
14	Gloucester	First

Inactive Chapters

County or City	Name of Chapter	Congressional District
Middlesex	Amburge	First
Middlesex	Saluda	First
Esses	Occupatis	First
Norfolk, Va.	Norfolk City	Second
Westmoreland	Westmoreland	Eighth

[1] #1 represents the strongest chapter; 14 represents the weakest. Strength is measured in terms of the number of members.

Stafford	Stafford	Eight
Essex	Central Dist.	First
Brookland Dis. Henrico	Tuckahoe	Third
Henrico	Varina	Third
Caroline	St. John	Eighth
Brunswick	Ante	Fourth
Culpeper	Culpeper	Eighth
King and Queen	King and Queen	First
King and Queen	Beuna Vista	First
King William	King William	First
Petersburg,	Petersburg	Fourth
Page	Luray	Seventh
Mangohick K. Wm.	King William	Eighth
Pulaski	Pulaski	Ninth
Henrico	Fairfield	Third
Hanover,	Beaverdam	Eighth
Fredericksburg	Fredericksburg	Eighth
Charlottesville	Charlottesville	Eighth
Spotsylvania	Spotsylvania	Eighth
Farmville	Prince Edward	Fourth
Nottoway	Crewe	Fourth
Nottoway	Belefonta	Fourth
Amelia	Amelia	Fourth
Roanoke	Roanoke	Fourth
Danville	Danville	Fifth

King George	King George	Eighth
Bedford	Bedford	Sixth
Charlotte	Charlotte	Fifth
Surry	Surry	Fourth

This list of inactive chapters indicate something of the work which the League has done and the number of inactive chapters shows our failure due to lack of finance. These inactive chapters also reveal the possibilities in the respective areas. We should like to revive these chapters for our experience has been that even after non-voters are made voters, they must be kept qualified. This can best be done by a local organization affiliated with a strong state organization. Also, we should be happy to work in any area of the State where you desire work to be done and we are willing to cooperate in any area where others are working.

A Proposed Three Year Program for the Virginia Voters League

A. First Year - The Field Secretary would spend the first year organizing local chapters in as many counties and cities in as many new areas as is feasible. The League would also launch a reclamation program to revive the inactive chapters. It is believed that the number of local chapters could be more than trebled. This will involve travel expenses: per mile, and over-night lodgings. In pursuing the goal of a local chapter in every possible county and city, he will be urging both old and new chapters to press the Voter Registration Drive.

B. Second Year - The organizing of local chapters would continue, but the major work would be the education of local officers and members, trouble-shooting made necessary by the increase of new chapters and their adjustment to the state program, the setting or conducting of workshops, and the beginning of research or fact-finding in the area of poll tax payment,

registration and actual voting. Some progress reports would be made.

C. Third Year - All the above named activities would be continued, comprehensive research reports written, published and distributed as a basis for information, education, and a modification of process and structure as the facts indicate.

In all three years the voter-registration drive would be pushed but it would be expected to become more intense, efficient and more comprehensive as the time goes on. By the third year, the state should be well-organized, better educated, aroused, and active voter-wise.

The Field Secretary would work under the guidance of the Executive Council and would be responsible to it.

The Budget for one Year[1]

Salaries:	
A Field Secretary (who would actually be, in addition, an assistant Executive Secretary)--a college graduate	$4,800.00
An Executive Secretary (part time)	600.00
A Secretary	2,340.00
Office Rent	600.00
Telephone	240.00
Telegraph	72.00
Equipment	
2 5-drawer letter size files with lock	150.00
1 5-drawer legal size files with lock	90.00
1 Typewriter	225.00
1 Typewriters desk	201.95
1 Typist chair	34.00
1 Swivel chair and cushion	50.00
1 Executive office desk	173.00

[1]Equipment would not be a recurring cost.

Equipment contd.

1	Desk for Field Secretary	150.00
1	Book case	50.00
	Shelving	125.00
2	Dazor fluorescent lamps	34.00
1	Folding work table	66.00
1	Improved Hummer paper punch	15.00
1	Pencil sharpener	3.00
1	Punch	8.00
1	Websters Dictionary	42.00
1	Websters Dictionary stand	25.00
2	Kleradesks (desk files)	38.00
2	Waste baskets	5.00
6	Folding chairs	60.00
1	Rack, apparel, 6 hangers	25.00
1	Wall map of Virginia	40.00
1	Marchant calculator	985.00
1	Multilith machine	1,000.00
2	ACE staplers, model #201 (heavy duty)	25.00
1	Metal Files double, for 4 x 6 cards	8.20
1	" " " for 3 x 5 cards	8.15
1	" File single for 5 x 8 cards	10.90
2	Pair scissors	2.70
2	Letter tray for desk	5.00
5	Boxes Pressboard File guide for letter size file	11.15
3	" " " " " legal size file	7.25
1	Roll-about fan	40.00
	Total equipment	$3,713.30

Supplies	306.15
Postage	260.00
Insurance on equipment and furnishings	25.00
Social Security insurance on salaries	241.87
Service and repairs to machines (usually a year's guarantee)	.00
Audit	40.00
Travel and other expenses of ten(10) Chairmen of Congressional Districts who participate in the Drive	2,500.00
Office of Director of Research Travel to local government offices to secure political data, tabulations, analyses, preparation and distribution of the annual report.--The Voting Status of the People of Virginia.	2,000.00
Total Budget	$17,738.32

Less amount raised by the Virginia Voters League (Income is solely from membership fees of two dollars and Jackson Day dinners given by local chapters-- one half of both are paid into the League's treasury)	1,000.00
Total amount of budget requested	$16,738.32

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

Herman T. Benn

Attorney, Herman T. Benn, President

Harry W. Roberts

(Dr.) Harry W. Roberts, Director of Research, Virginia Voters League and Head of the Department of Sociology, Virginia State College.

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Virginia State College

PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

June 28, 1962

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
Room 206 / 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

RE: Virginia Voters League's request

Dear Mr. Branton:

Thank you for your letter of June 25. We realize that it takes time to get a new program worked out, and especially one that is vital as yours. We simply wish you to know that we are at your service, willing to work at any task that will further our common objective of getting every possible citizen qualified to vote and voting.

As stated to you during your visit here, we have been operating over the years with no office, equipment or facility of our own. If we had these things, we believe that we would have had active chapters operating in very significant area of the State. Our lack of funds has prevented us from attracting a sufficent number of able persons to do the needed work. All the work of the League has been purely voluntary, except for a small token of appreciation given the Executive Secretary. Congressional district directors and officers have had to finance their own travel, etc., in the interest of the League. You can be assured that a boost from the Voter Education Project will be a sound investment and greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you very much for your assurance that we shall have your consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry W. Roberts

Harry W. Roberts
Director of Research

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Herman T. Benn
Attorney at Law
301 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia
MElton 4-8091

July 6, 1962

Wiley A. Branton, Esquire
Project Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
Room 206 /5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Re: Virginia Voters League

Dear Mr. Branton:

First I would like to take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the League for your appearance and address at our annual Founders Day meeting. It was indeed a fitting climax to the session.

We received a copy of your letter dated June 25, 1962, to Dr. Roberts in answer to our petition for financial assistance. I can assure you that we will continue to raise funds for self-support. We feel that with some outside assistance we might be able to lay a better foundation upon which our organization can become self-supporting to some extent, but accomplish its goal more effectively.

May I again assure you that we are willing to cooperate in any way in helping to make your goal in Virginia become a reality, for as I understand, your goal is identical to our goal in this respect.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Very truly yours,

Herman T. Benn

Herman T. Benn

HTB/otp

Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

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April 26, 1963

Attorney Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project, Southern Regional Council
Room 206; 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Attorney Branton:

I have been requested by Attorney Herman T. Benn, Acting President, of the Virginia Voters League to write you concerning our petition for financial assistance sent you last June. We have your letter of June 25, 1962 acknowledging the receipt of the same. We have been continuing our work under great handicaps and strained circumstances. The people who are working with us must be dedicated, because in most cases they have to spend their own money to carry-on the work of the organization. Much of our work is done in the rural areas of the State. A grant of the requested funds at this time, in whole or in part, to launch us on the proposed road of Voter Registration as outlined in our proposal to you would pay to the movement great dividends. The stimulus of such a grant would give us a momentum which, we believe, would enable us to move forward on our own strength and become self-supporting.

As we pointed out in our proposal, we have been an organization working in this field since 1941, and throughout the years pulling ourselves up by our own boot-straps. All that we ask is for a little assistance to push the work forward. We have a new energetic college and seminary trained young minister who is, at the moment, performing the functions of Excutive Secretary and Field Secretary. I am continuing the research in poll-tax payments in the conties and cities of the State as a basis for action. We should be most grateful to hear from you as to the prospects of receiving some financial aid.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry W. Roberts

Harry W. Roberts,
Director of Research

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cc: Attorney Herman T. Benn
V. T. A. Building
Clay Street at Forth
Richmond 19, Virginia

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June 24, 1963

Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Director of Research
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Roberts:

Referring to my letter of May 31, 1963, I would appreciate any remarks you might have concerning any of our VEP work in Virginia.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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May 31, 1963

Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Director of Research
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Roberts:

I apologize for the delay in answering your letter of April 26, but the demands on the time of our small staff have been very heavy. We explained to you in our letter of June 25, 1962, that we would have to consider first programs for our major participating agencies before we could consider support for locally sponsored programs.

During VEP's first fiscal year we made a grant to NAACP, a portion of which was to be used to conduct voter registration programs in the following Virginia cities and counties:

Fredericksburg	Lynchburg	Roanoke
Portsmouth	Buckingham	Cumberland
Greensville	Isle of Wight	Surry
Sussex	Nansemond	Prince Edward
Suffolk		

A grant was made to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a portion of which was to be used to conduct voter registration programs in the following Virginia cities and counties:

Amelia	Appomattox	Brunswick
Dinwiddie		

A separate grant was made to the National Urban League in support of a program in Richmond and I understand had the support of the local NAACP and the Crusade for Voters. We also made a very small grant to the All Citizens Registration Com-

mittee of Northern Virginia (Dr. E. B. Hendeeson) and this $200 grant was to be used for a limited program in the following cities or counties:

Arlington	Fairfax	Loudon
Prince William	Warren	Clark
Fauquier	Alexandria	Falls Church

We are now reviewing the activities and programs of these agencies during the past year and it would be extremely helpful to us if you would give us the benefit of an objective report of the activities of any of these organizations in voter registration during the past year.

I hope to come to Virginia within the next two or three weeks and I would like any information which you can furnish me with prior to my coming there. We would also be interested in knowing what registration activities the Vigginia Voters League has conducted, if any, during the past year and how your local affiliates worked with any of the efforts of the major agencies listed above. We would also like to know what plans you have for voter registration in your own organization during the next six months.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

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July 15, 1963

Atty. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
The Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W. - Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Atty. Branton:

Thank you very much for your clarifying letter of July 8. It so happens that the only work of the Voter Registration Project that I have had an opportunity to observe is that headed by Mr. H. V. Coulton, concerning which I wrote you on July 2. Even in this case, it is primarily the organization, methods, and the activities of Mr. Coulton more than the actual results with which I am most acquainted. To get appreciable results this activity requires an amount of dedication and work which financing alone will not guarantee. This is one of the reasons that I believe the Virginia Voters League has such a great potential. It has worked at this problem when no other organization was even interested in it, and when its members had to finance the activities out of their own pockets, their only reward being the satisfaction that they had added some voters to the list of eligibles. Moreover, the League does a lot of its work in outlying rural areas--the seat of conservatism and reaction and the bulwark of the same. The leaders of reaction in the legislature and other top government offices are from the rural areas. Until they are unseated, nothing of great consequence is going to be achieved in the interracial sphere. Having studied rural Virginia first-hand, I know how great the need is there. We even have Negroes with the ballot voting for reactionary candidates for office because they do not know for whom to vote. When a sufficient number of them in a locality have made themselved elegible to vote they can organize and have group support and guidance. This, the Virginia Voters League provides through its local chapters.

We shall be happy to see you upon your visit to Virginia.

Every good wish.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry W. Roberts

Harry W. Roberts, Director of Research
Virginia Voters League.

HWR/vw

July 8, 1963

Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Roberts:

Thank you for your letter of July 2. Upon reviewing my file of correspondence to you it appears that I did not make myself clear as to what I was hoping you would do for us. I did not intend that you should make any detailed study of our programs in Virginia but merely wanted to know your observations of the effectiveness of these programs since you may have come in contact with persons active in voter registration.

I still hope to get to Virginia at an early date, although I must admit that other matters seem constantly to prevent my getting there.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

Virginia State College

Petersburg, Virginia

July 2, 1963

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Attorney Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
Room 206 / 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Attorney Branton:

I owe you an apology for this late reply to your letter of May 31. It came at Commencement time and persons whom I needed to see have been difficult to contact.

So far as the Virginia Voter League is concerned this is our record on voter registration:

1. A chapter of 95 members in Louisa County has been organized.

2. Three chapters have been reactivated.

3. A few letters of information concerning League activity have been sent to chapters and interested persons.

4. There has been no money for travel and consequently few fruitful contacts made. Anything at all that we do is done at personal sacrifice. We have the machinery and personnel to do the job but no fuel. But since this is our one and only purpose, we intend to continue to do what we can. Without funds, it is foolish to talk about what we plan to do in the immediate future.

Now, as regards the projects under your jurisdiction, I should be happy to get what information I can from those in charge, but this would require their names and addresses, letters of authorization from you to inquire about their activities, and some kind of form containing the questions which you would like to have answered. After talking with Mr. H. V. Coulton in Petersburg who directs the work in the Fourth District, I find that there is a multitude of things that are being done and some serious obstacles to overcome. To try to report on his activities would be a mamoth job and much of it perhaps superflous without specific guide lines. If you will prepare a questionnaire designed to obtain the relevant information desired, I should be happy to do what I can to help you secure the information.

I might say that I am impressed with the spirit of this young man who seems to be busily engaged in the work and dedicated to it. I hope to be able to give him some assistance in pushing forward his program.

I am afraid that I am not being very helpful information-wise, but I am sure that you can see that without authority and without a proper instrument for gathering relevant information very little can be done.

We shall look forward with pleasure to see you when you come this way.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry W. Roberts

Harry W. Roberts
Director of Research.

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JUL 25 1962

Herman T. Benn
Attorney at Law
301 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia
MIlton 4-8091

July 23, 1962

Mr. John Walker
Assistant Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, Northwest
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Walker:

We are in receipt of a communication from the office of the Honorable Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director, dated July 12, 1962. It advises that you have been appointed Assistant to the Project Director in charge of examining and evaluating proposals for VEP grants. We are happy to note that you have been appointed to this position and wish you much luck.

The Virginia Voters League forwarded to the Voter Education Project Office a petition for financial support on or about June 9, 1962. Soon thereafter, we received a reply stating that our request was being considered. We are at this time preparing for our annual meeting which is to be held sometime during the latter part of September. Also, we have called a meeting of the Executive Council to be held August 5, 1962 at 3:00 p.m. in Richmond, Virginia.

If at all possible, it would be very gratifying and certainly inspirational to the League to be able to announce at the Executive Council meeting favorable action on the part of our said request. Trust that we will have the pleasure of hearing from you regarding this matter at your earliest convenience.

We will be pleased to cooperate with you in any way in order to work with your program. Please feel free to contact Dr. Harry W. Roberts, Chairman of the Sociology Department, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia or this office for further information.

Very sincerely yours,

Herman T. Benn

Herman T. Benn

August 6, 1963

Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Director of Research
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Roberts:

I do not foresee any possibility of the Voter Education Project making a grant to the Virginia Voters League to conduct a state-wide voter registration program during the remainder of the proposed life of VEP. I am certain that we could not carry on the kind of program suggested by your proposal and budget of June 11, 1962.

While most of our work in Virginia will be done by working through the local branches of national organizations or by direct grants to local groups, we, nevertheless, see the need for some coordination of interests of all of these different groups for purposes of voter education. It would seem to me that the Virginia Voters League might be very useful in this particular phase of operations and it is something that we might be in a position to give some financial support to.

Would you or the Virginia Voters League be interested in studying this suggestion to see what kind of a program you could come up with that would be helpful to the Voter Education Project and to the Virginia Voters League? A budget for such a program would fall far short of that submitted by you last year but you would not be expected to carry on actual registration for it would be more in the area of voter education. If you have any thoughts on this matter then please feel free to communicate with me and be assured of my interest in what you are trying to do.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
cc: Mr. Herman T. Benn

Virginia State College

Petersburg, Virginia

October 1, 1963 OCT 2 1963

Attorney Wiley A. Branton
Project Director, Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council, Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Attorney Branton:

Please forgive me for this late reply to your kind letter of August 6. Hospitalization for a while, the opening of school and other matters intervened.

We regret very much that the Voter Education Project finds it impracticable at this time to make a grant to the Virginia Voters League to pursue its voter registration program.

However, we have thought over your suggestion of a coordinating service that might be rendered to the existing voter registration groups in the field. We are willing to render any service at all in this most important field. For us the cause is important.

There are some areas where we think we could render an educational service to the voter registration groups which would have some coordinating effect, particularly if we were able to do the job so effectively as to have them look to us for this service. In fact, I queried Dr. Milton A. Reid, State Regional Representative of S.C.L.C. on the needs of his organization. He stated definitely that his organization had need for this kind of service. The idea is that periodically we would get out literature which would be highly informative about all matters pertaining to, or that have a bearing on, registration and voting. These areas, to which others may be added, are:

1. Registration rules and regulations which were altered at the last meeting of the Virginia legislature.

2. Deadlines for registration and the poll taxes.

3. The new state proposals on the poll tax and registration to be taken up at the special meeting of the legislature to be called by the Governor this year to cope with the amendment to the United States Constitution governing eligibility to vote in federal elections.

4. Number and percent of qualified voters in the counties and cities of the State.

5. Potential number of voters in the same.

6. Characteristics of candidates running for office in the State.

7. The question of the need for the local organization of voters to realize the benefits that organization gives.

8. Information on politically active areas in the State and the rewards which have come to Negroes as a consequence.

9. Information taken from past local elections in the State showing candidates often win by margins of less than a half a dozen votes.

10. Relation of Negro political activity or inactivity to the Negroes' socio-economic condition in the respective areas.

In a program of this type we could use all the money which we set up in the original budget submitted or we could trim it to one-tenth as much.

We cannot be exact in the budget estimate for this program. We perhaps will have to adjust the program to the budget available. However, we are submitting a suggested budget.

We shall have to leave it to you to say what the project can grant. Whatever, it is, we shall work within it and give a strict accounting for the monies spent. We are also open to suggestion as to what your ideas of coordination might be.

We shall look forward with pleasure to hear from you at your earliest convience.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry W. Roberts

Harry W. Roberts,
Director of Research

CC: Attorney Herman T. Benn

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The Budget

A Field Secretary	$4,800.00
A Secretary	2,340.00
Office Rent	600.00
Telephone	240.00
Telegraph Service	50.00
Supplies	300.00
Postage	260.00
Social Security Insurance on Salaries	200.00
Service and Repairs to Machines	60.00
Audit	40.00
Travel for Field Secretary	1,200.00
Office of the Director of Research	2,000.00
Travel to local government offices to secure political data, tabulations, analysis, preparation and distribution of a report - The Voting Status of the Negro in Virginia.	
	$11,890.00

91-22-63

November 15, 1963

Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Director of Research
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Roberts:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 1 together with a budget for a one-year operation of the Virginia Voters League on a minimum basis. Apparently I did not make myself clear in my letter to you of August 6 as I had in mind the possibility of a relatively small grant. The budget which you recently submitted is very similar to your budget of June 11, 1962, with the exception of the items for furniture and equipment.

The second fiscal year for VEP will end on March 31, 1964, and we are in no position to make any commitment for financial support to any projects beyond that date.

I think it would be helpful to the over all voter education program if your statewide group could be strengthened if for no other reason than th help motivate local leadership toward greater interest in voter registration. We are certain that there is considerable correspondence and communication which ought to be taking place but which is possibly hampered by inadequate funds. VEP could possibly make a grant of $1000 to the Virginia Voters League if we were satisfied that such a grant would be expended for voter education purposes of sufficient importance to justify such

a grant. In lieu of supporting a year-round program on a minimum basis such as you previously suggested, we are offering the possibility of a grant in the amount of $1000 conditioned upon your detailing for us the exact manner in which such a grant would be used. We are awaiting your reply.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Virginia State College

Petersburg, Virginia

November 23, 1963

Atty. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project - Southern Regional Council
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Atty. Branton:

Thank you for your letter of offering a grant of $1,000 for a program which we are to submit to you. We shall have a meeting the first of next week to determine how best to use it.

As I stated in my last letter we would be grateful for anything at all to help us do the job to which we are committed and into which we have invested so much of ourselves. You will hear from us shortly.

Thank you again.

Very best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry W. Roberts

Harry W. Roberts, Director
of Research

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DEC 11 1963

Virginia State College

Petersburg, Virginia

December 10, 1963

Attorney Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Attorney Branton:

We owe you an apology for this delayed plan, but we believe that we have designed one that will meet with your approval. It is as follows:

1. To change the state districts from ten congressional districts to the more convenient thirty-six senatorial districts.

This will give a leader much less territory to cover and make possible a more concentrated and efficient voter-registration campaign education-wise as well as in getting persons qualified and active in voting.

2. Contact a leader in each one of the said state senatorial districts to represent the league in his district for the purpose of setting up chapters for the convenience of people in each district.

3. We hope to call a meeting of each one of the senatorial district representatives in the month of January, 1964, for the purpose of orientation and initiating the program.

The general idea would be to not only have the chapters set up, but to give the guidance and voter registration information and encouragement to accomplish the goal of every adult citizen a qualified voter.

This will require quite a bit of correspondence, promotional literature and travel to do the job efficiently.

We will be happy to attempt to answer any questions you may have on this proposal.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry W. Roberts

Harry W. Roberts,
Director of Research

HWR:fg
cc Attorney Herman T. Benn

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January 4, 1964

Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Director of Research
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Roberts:

Re VEP 4-1

I am pleased to inform you that the Voter Education Project has approved a grant in the amount of $1,000 to the Virginia Voters League to assist you in your voter education program which is to be conducted in accordance with your letter to us of December 10, 1963. This program will begin as of this date (January 4, 1964) and should be set up to terminate not later than November 15, 1964 if not sooner. We understand that this will be a Virginia statewide voter education project.

We regard this as a nonrecurring grant and we will pay $500 at this time and the other $500 at such time as your financial and progress reporting indicate a need for the balance. The proceeds of this check and any other monies from VEP should be deposited in a separate checking account and you should not deposit funds from any other source into this account.

We are sending, under separate cover, a supply of vouchers which you are to use in reporting your expenditures to us. The attached sheet of instructions is for your use in determining the method of financial reporting and those items which pertain to your type of program are checked in red.

You will note from the instructions that no portion of this

grant may be used to engage in partisan politics in any manner whatsoever nor to support nor oppose legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of nor against any political candidate and none of this money should be used for the payment of poll tax.

We regard your program as being more in the realm of voter education than voter registration and, therefore, the reporting forms which we normally use would not be apprppriate. We, therefore, request that you send to our office a report in narrative form each month describing the activities of your program throughout the state of Virginia and we would especially appreciate receiving a copy of any statistics, data, or other information pertaining to voter education or registration, or politics in general which you may gather from time to time.

On or before the 10th day of each month beginning February 10, 1964, we will require that you submit to our office 1) a report describing your activities under this project for the preceding calendar month and 2) a financial statement together with properly filled out vouchers describing your financial transactions for the preceding month. We are enclosing our check in the amount of $500 together with a copy of this letter and we request that you acknowledge receipt of the check and your understanding of the terms and conditions of the grant by signing the enclosed copy and returning it to us.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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cc Mr. Herman F. Benn

$500.00
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INTEROFFICE REQUEST FOR PAYMENT FORM

Please pay the sum of: $500.00

TO: Virginia Voters League
(Name)

(Address)

(City and state)

Reason for payment: New Grant to begin January 4, 1963 and terminate on or before November 15, 1964. This grant will be for $1000.00 to be paid in two installments and is to cover work in the entire state of Virginia.

If departmental or special budget, specify: VEP 4-1

Payment is general operations, VEP 4-1 project, expense.

Date 1-4-68 19____

Requested by: Dr. Harry Roberts

Approved: _____

Administrative Secretary

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Herman T. Benn
Attorney at Law
316 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia
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JAN 13 1964

January 10, 1964

Wiley A. Branton, Esquire
Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your copy of the letter dated January 4, 1964 to our Director of Research, Dr. Harry W. Roberts. Needless to say, we are very much gratified for the approval of the grant as stated in your said letter. With the assistance of the Virginia Teachers Association, a state-wide organization, whose Executive Secretary is Dr. J. Rupert Picott, invited a representative from most of the counties of Virginia to meet inRichmond on Saturday, February 15, at 1:00 p.m.. The purpose being to initiate a state-wide voters registration campaign under the sponsorship of the Virginia State Voters League. We not only plan to work with our established chapters, but in addition thereto, to work with other interested organizations in areas where they are already in existence, organizations interested in this type of endeavor. We further plan to establish chapters in areas where there are no other organizations acting in the voter registration.

You can see that the money granted by your organization is very much needed, and is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard. You will be hearing from us from time to time on the progress of our endeavor.

Very truly yours,

Herman T. Benn

Herman T. Benn

HTB:dsp
cc. Rev. Winbush

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RETURN THIS COPY TO VEP
Receipt acknowledged this 5th
day of January, 1964.
Signed: Harry W. Roberts

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

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January 4, 1964

Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Director of Research
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

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Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Virginia State College

Petersburg, Virginia

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JAN 16 1964

January 15, 1964

Attorney Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
A Program of the Southern Regional Council
Room 206 - 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

On behalf of the Virginia Voters League, I gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a check in the amount of five hundred dollars ($500.00) from the Voter Education Project. We are very grateful for the same and we assure you that we shall do our best to use it in the most productive way that we can under the terms set forth in your letter of January 4, 1964. The acknowledged copy is enclosed.

Kindly accept my personal thanks for this assistance to help us do a much needed task in Virginia.

Every good wish for the New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry W. Roberts

Harry W. Roberts
Director of Research

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cc Mr. Herman T. Benn

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February 22, 1964

Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Director of Research
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Roberts:

Re VEP 4-1

On January 4, 1964, when Mr. Branton wrote you that the Voter Education Project was making a grant to your program in the amount of $1,000, he outlined the manner of reporting which was to be submitted to this office, both progress and financial.

May we please have financial accounting from you to date. I believe Mrs. Whitaker wrote you last week requesting progress reporting.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

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Herman T. Benn
Attorney at Law
316 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia
MIlton 4-8091

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February 25, 1964

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Wiley A. Branton, Esquire
Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

This first report of the grant for which we are very much thankful has been delayed due to the fact that the first planned call meeting for county and city leaders had to be postponed, due to the conflict in dates. The $500.00 was deposited in a special account in the Central National Bank by the Treasurer of the association, Olga M. Carmichael.

The following expenditures from the funds of the grant have been made:

100 postal cards	$4.00
Secretarial help	15.00
Making total expenditures to date-	$19.00

The Executive Committee met on Saturday, February 22, 1964 and authorized the following expenditures:

Hiring of a part-time secretary for the purpose of getting out communications to the chapters in an effort to stimulate voters education and registration.

Securing of badly needed stationery, including forms with which registration workers must use in carrying our their duties.

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To work with the NAACP and independent organizations in fourth congressional district in a crash educational and registrational program.

A state-wide county leaders conference is set for Saturday, April 11, 1964 by which an effort will be made to intensify a state wide voters registration campaign in conjunction with the state Parent Teachers Association.

We shall advise you as to further progress in future reports.

We are enclosing herewith, a copy of the 1964 election schedule.

Very truly yours,

Herman T. Benn

Herman T. Benn

HTB:dsp
Enclosure
cc. Dr. Harry W. Roberts
c/o Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Rev. R. J. Winbush, Jr.
107 Pilkington Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

P. S. The enclosed schedule of elections was published by our organization in a state wide publication.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
ROOM 30, STATE CAPITOL
RICHMOND 19

SCHEDULE OF ELECTIONS 1964

ELECTION	DATE	HOURS POLLS OPEN	LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT OF POLL TAX	LAST DAY TO REGISTER
Primary for June Election of Town and City Officers	Sec. 24-349 Code - First Tuesday in April - April 7, 1964	Sec. 24-182 Code- 6:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M. See Notes 1 and 2	Must be qualified to vote in June elections Same deadline, Dec. 9, 1963	Books closed March 8 (Sunday) Deadline March 7, 1964
General Election for City and Town Officers	Sec. 24-136 Code- Second Tuesday in June-June 9, 1964	Sec. 24-182 Code-6:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M. See Notes 1 and 3	Sec. 21 of Constitution - Six months prior to election - Dec. 9, 1963	Books closed May 10 (Sunday) Deadline May 9, 1964
Statewide Primary	Sec. 24-349 Code-Tuesday after second Monday in July July 14, 1964	Sec. 24-182 Code-6:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M. See Notes 1 and 3	Must be qualified to vote in November election-Same deadline May 2, 1964	Books closed June 14 (Sunday) Deadline June 13, 1964
Statewide Election (General)	Sec. 24-136 Code-Tuesday after first Monday in November, Nov. 3, 1964	Sec. 24-182 Code-6:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M. See Notes 1 and 2	Sec. 21 of Constitution Six months prior to election - May 3, (Sunday) Deadline May 2, 1964	Books closed Oct. 4 (Sunday) Deadline Oct. 3, 1964

SECOND (Run-off) PRIMARIES - Sec. 24-349 of Code - Any second primary which may be ordered would be held on the fifth Tuesday following first primary. Statewide: August 18, 1964.

Note 1 - All persons in line at polls when polls close are entitled to vote. Sec. 24-182 Code.

Note 2 - Eastern Standard Time.

Note 3 - Daylight Saving Time.

"Courtesy Makes Driving Safer"

March 11, 1964

Dr. Harry Roberts
Director of Research
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-1

Dear Dr. Roberts:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 22, 1964.

We have been awaiting your report covering your voter registration activities of the Virginia Voters League.

We are still very much interested in receiving this report.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

Virginia State College

Petersburg, Virginia

February 22, 1964

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Voter Education Project
Mrs. Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant
Room 206, 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

Thank you for your letter of February 19 with reference to our report. The Executive Committee is having a meeting Monday and will be sending you a report immediately thereafter.

We regret the delay due to circumstances beyond our control. Thank you for your indulgence.

Very truly yours,

Harry W. Roberts

Harry W. Roberts
Director of Research

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February 19, 1964

Dr. Harry Roberts
Director of Research
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

REF VEP 4-1

Dear Dr. Roberts:

According to the terms of your grant, at the termination of your project, we were to receive a narrative report covering your activities. This report was due in our office by February 10.

May we have complete report, including statistics, from you as soon as possible?

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

Herman T. Benn
Attorney at Law
316 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia
MElton 4-8091

March 16, 1964

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MAR 18 1964

Wiley A. Branton, Esquire
Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Re: Virginia State Voters League

Dear Mr. Branton:

The above stated organization for its second report regarding the grant, reports as follows:

As a result of a meeting of the Executive Secretary, the President, and the Research Director of the Virginia State Voters League at Virginia State College with the President of the Independent Voters League, a coordinated effort is being made to interest key persons throughout the state to attend a conference to be held in Richmond, Virginia on April 11th; with the purpose in mind of intensifying interest in voter education and registration activity at the grass-root level throughout the state. To this end, approximately 300 letters are being mailed to persons we consider key leaders, along with our regular workers throughout the state, encouraging each one to attend the aforesaid conference.

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We have spent from the funds, in addition to the sum previously reported, $24.73 in the purchase of stamps, envelopes, and secretarial help.

Very truly yours,

Herman T. Benn

Herman T. Benn

HTB:dsp
cc. Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Rev. R. J. Winbush, Jr.

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3-27-64

March 21, 1964

Mr. Herman T. Benn
Attorney at Law
316 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Benn:

Thank you for your letter of March 16, which contained your financial reporting.

In your letter of February 25, you submitted financial reporting in the same manner except that you broke down the total amount spent by itemizing the amounts spent in the various categories. In your report of March 16, you simply reported the total ($24.33) spent for "stamps, envelopes, and secretarial help."

Since one of the implications of our tax exempt status is accurate financial accounting our books are set up in such a way that it is essential that we know how much was spent for each of the above three items. Would you kindly furnish us with this information before your next financial reporting and instruct whomever keeps your records for you that we will require itemized reporting in the future.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

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March 26, 1964

Dr. Harry Roberts
Director of Research
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-1

Dear Dr. Roberts:

Following your meeting in mid-April, we would appreciate receiving a comprehensive report of your activities in your statewide campaign.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Director

BIW:js

Herman T. Benn
Attorney at Law
316 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia
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April 14, 1964

APR 16 1964

Miss Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary
Voter Education Project, Rm. 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Levine:

In compliance with your letter of March 21, 1964, we submit the following:

Envelopes and correction fluid		$ 4.73
Stamps		10.00
Secretarial assistance		10.00
	TOTAL	$ 24.73

The Executive Committee of the Virginia Voters League has concluded most of the remaining funds from the grant can be used most effectively to defray the expenses for personal contact by our Executive Secretary, Reverend R. J. Winbush, with leaders in areas where there is little or no voter registration and education activity now being carried on in the state.

Our report for our March activities is that plans were made and carried out for a meeting of leaders in the V. T. A. Building on April 11, 1964. This meeting was held and it appears that at least one chapter of the league will be established in Williamsburg, Virginia as a result thereof.

A most encouraginig report was received from the Louisa County chapter which reported that they had 100 members working in the county to increase its voter registration strength and was carrying out an intensive voter education program.

The expenses incurred during the month of March will be combined in our report for the expenses of April, 1964.

Very truly yours,

Herman T. Benn

Herman T. Benn

HTB:dsp

5-16

May 7, 1964

Mr. Herman Benn
Virginia Voters League
316 E. Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Balance
$ 456 27

Dear Mr. Benn:

Re VEP 4-1

According to our records you had promised that VEP would receive fiscal reporting from you on the 10th of every month. We have not received reporting from you for March or April and we must bring our books up-to-date.

Please submit fiscal reporting.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

5-30-64

May 21, 1964

Mr. Herman Benn
Virginia Voters League
316 E. Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Benn:

Re VEP 4-1

I have been informed by my fiscal assistant that your project is very delinquent in financial reporting and that, in fact, there is $436.27 unreported on your books.

We simply must have complete financial reporting from your program in order to close our books on this account and comply with the terms of the Treasury Department as they relate to our tax exempt status. I must insist that we receive this reporting from you within the week.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Virginia Voters League, Inc.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

107 Pilkington Avenue

RICHMOND 24, VIRGINIA

June 26, 1964

Willey A. Branton, Esq.
Project Director
Voters Educational Project
Southern Regional Council
Room 206
5 Forsythe Street N.W.
Alanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

On Friday, June 19, Mr. Blackwell from your office met with Atty. Herman Benn, President of the Virginia Voters League and myself to discuss our organization from the stand point of voters registration and education.

We discussed our problem at length and would like to give you some background so you will have a clear picture of the situation here.

In 1962 when you were our guest speaker, the Executive Secretary Mr. Amos Clark was retireing and I had been selected to take his place. The league was desirous of securing funds from your organization to carry on the work. However these funds did not come and I was forced to seek other employment. This ment a servere lack of communication with our local chapters throughout the state resulting in the disorganization of some and complete stagration of others.

In November 1963 we received a grant of $500.00 from you with the assurance of another when this was depleted. Then we were faced with the problem of an active secretary. I could not give up my work then and I did what 2 could on a part time now and then basis, which was not nearly enough.

Now my situation has changed and as of July 1, I will be devoting considerable time to the work. With this background I wish to turn to our plans for the future confident that we will receive more funds as we show results.

Enclose you will find a brief history of our State organization and a statement of our Aims and Purposes.

Project 1

We have divided the state of Virginia into Senatorial Districts (33) in which there are 2 or 3 counties.

VEP 4-1

Virginia Voters League, Inc.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

107 Pilkington Avenue

RICHMOND 24, VIRGINIA

In each district we plan to place a director or directress who will be responsible for the leaders in each county. In each county there may be several sections. In each section we propose a chapter of at least 25 registered voters, who will inturn endeavor to encourage others in the community to register and vote. Only territorial distance will determine the size of each chapter. Under the Senatorial District Leaders guidance each county and section will conduct a constant year-round voters education-registration program with the purpose of putting into local office those persons favorable to good government.

Project 2

A perodic leadership conference which will bring together Senatorial, County, and local officers for the sharing of experiences, know how and inspiration.

Project 3

There are already special days in our yearly calendar for social as well as contest for recuirtment of voters on which emphasis is placed example: Founders Day.

These projects will cost money and a $1.00 membership fee will hardly meet the challenge. As for worlers volunteers can be found but, when it cost them money for transportation and correspondence the program will fail.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. R. J. Winbush

Rev. R. J. Winbush /LLH
Executive Secretary

RJW/llh

June 30, 1964

The Rev. R. J. Wimbush
Virginia Voters League, Inc.
107 Pilkington Avenue
Richmond 24, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-1

Dear Rev. Wimbush:

Thank you for your informative letter of June 26 in which you explain the work now being done by the Virginia Voters League.

In reading a field report prepared by Mr. Randolph Blackwell, following his visit to Richmond a few days ago, it appears that he suggested to some of you the possibility of a larger grant to enable you to carry on an active voter registration program. It is very seldom that I have had reason to disagree with suggestions made in the field by Mr. Blackwell, but in this instance, I feel compelled to inform you that it is not likely that VEP would consider making a grant at this late date to the Virginia Voters League over and above the tentative grant of $1,000 which we approved last November.

VEP is now in the terminal phase of its program, and we intend to terminate all financial support to participating agencies not later than November 1, 1964. You therefore should arrange to make maximum use of the balance of your grant prior to that date.

If there is any way that we can be of any future assistance, then let us know.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

9-19-64

September 5, 1964

Mr. Herman Benn
Attorney at Law
316 E. Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Benn:

We have received no financial reporting from the Virginia Voters League since very early in June. Will you kindly write us and let us know if you have made any expenditures from your VEP account since that reporting.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

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Herman T. Benn
Attorney at Law
316 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia
MIlton 4-8091

September 8, 1964

Miss Jean Levine, Fiscal Assistant
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

SEP 10 1964

Re: Virginia Voters League

Dear Miss Levine:

Your letter of September 5, 1964 has been received.

I was very disappointed in learning that the reports had not been made promptly for the Virginia Voters League. The Executive Secretary, Reverend Winbush, assured me that the reports would be made promptly. Immediately upon receiving your letter, I contacted him and requested that he send me copies of the future reports.

He further stated that he would bring his reports up to date within the next few days . The organization is now engaged in a thirty day voter registration drive. We will report to you on the results at the end of the drive, which is to be October 3, 1964.

Very truly yours,

Herman T. Benn

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Virginia Voters League, Inc.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

107 Pilkington Avenue

RICHMOND 24, VIRGINIA

SEP 11 1964

September 10, 1964

Dear Mr. Branton

Atty Herman Benn has informed me that you have not received reports for July and August.

I regret this very much and in checking with the secretary the reports had not been made up. How this sliped me for two months is really regretable.

The necessary infodmation will be compiled this weekend and mailed out the first of the week.

Sincerely Yours

Reginaldl J, Winbush

9-26-64

FINANCIAL COPY

September 14, 1964

Mr. Herman T. Benn, President
Virginia State Voters League
316 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-1

Dear Mr. Benn:

On January 4, 1964, the Voter Education Project approved a grant for the Virginia Voters League in the amount of $1,000, and sent you $500 with the additional $500 to be paid, ".... as your financial and progress reporting indicate a need for the balance." One of the conditions of the grant required a progress/support and a financial report on or before the 10th day of each month, beginning February 10, 1964. Our records reveal that this requirement has never been complied with, and we have had to write for whatever information we did get.

VEP is a research project, and we make financial grants only to those agencies supplying us with research data in accordance with the conditions of the grant. We realize your grant was a small one, but because of the consistent violation of the terms of the grant, we can no longer in good faith continue the program. I regret to inform you that your grant has been cancelled effective as of this date, and you are requested to refund to VEP the unused portion of the $500 preliminary grant which we made to you last January. You should also account to us for any funds which have been spent since your last financial accounting, and we will probably want to audit your cancelled checks and bank statements.

I am sure that you will be pleased to know that we have recently launched a stepped-up campaign throughout the state of Virginia. We have made direct financial grants to local organizations in Lynchburg, Nansemond County, Portsmouth, Norfolk, and Newport News. SCLC is conducting a program for us in the Petersburg area, while CORE is conducting a pgogram throughout the Tenth Congressional District. I am certain that you must know about our grant to the Crusade for Voters in Richmond in the Third Congressional Di

District, and we have also made a grant to another group in the Third District for work primarily in white areas. We have also made a grant to the Virginia State Conference of NAACP for a statewide program which will concentrate in twenty-one separate geographic areas.

I note in your letter of September 8 that the Virginia Voters League is now engaged in a 30-day registration drive, and I trust that you will send us a report of the results of that program when it ends on October 3.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc Rev. Reginald L Winbush

10-10-64

September 29, 1964

Mr. Herman T. Benn, President
Virginia Voters League
316 N. Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

RE: VRP 4-1

Dear Mr. Benn:

We wrote you on September 14, 1964, and requested that you "refund to VRP the unused portion of the $500 preliminary grant which we made to you last January." Our records reveal that we have not received either a refund or a financial accounting, and we request that you see to it that this is taken care of immediately so that we may not be in conflict with Internal Revenue regulations regarding our tax exemptions.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs
cc: Rev. R. J. Wisbeah

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316 East Clay Street
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October 1, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 29th, upon receipt of your letter of September 14th. I immediatley requested the Reverend Wimbush to forward to you a financial report. I am very sorry to know that he failed to do so.

I shall confer with him immediately and see that a report is forward to you in the next few days.

Very truly yours,

Herman T. Benn/mb

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of the

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OCTOBER 10, 1964

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9:00 to 9:45—Registration

9:45 to 10:45—Business Session

10:50 to 11:15—Fair Labor Law.....Mr. R. F. Ferguson

11:20 to 12:45—Panel Discussion

"Effective Procedures for getting out the Vote"

1. Registration—Mrs. Aretha Snead
2. Publicity—Mr. William Jones
3. Knowing the Candidate—
   Atty. Lenard Lambert
4. Election Day Activity—
   Mrs. Pearlie Bradshaw

1:00 to 2:00—Dinner — Presentation of Awards

2:00 to 2:30—Report of Committees

2:30 to 2:45—Installation of Officers

2:45 to 3:15—Address .....Mr. Moses Riddick
President, Independent Voters League

3:15 to 3:25—Remarks

3:30—Benediction

Transmitted

Herman T. Benn
Attorney at Law
316 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia
MIlton 4-8091

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November 4, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton,
Project Director
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Re: Virginia Voters League

Dear Mr. Branton:

Enclosed herewith is the financial report with regard to the $500.00 Grant received by us from your organization.

The grant has been a tremendous help in our endeavour with the voter registration drive. On behalf of the League, I take this opportunity to express our thanks.

I am sorry that the report was not forwarded sooner. I was relying on the secretary and treasurer to perform this task.

Very truly yours,

Herman T. Benn

Herman T. Benn

HTB/mb

Enclosure: report

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FINANCIAL COPY

October 27, 1964

Mr. Herman T. Benn, President
Virginia State Voters League, Inc.
316 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-1

Dear Mr. Benn:

I simply cannot understand why VEP has not yet been furnished with a final financial report and a refund of any unused portion of your grant.

When I was in Richmond on October 10, you had your treasurer to show me her hand written records, but I informed you then that we would need a written report for our files. Will you do me the personal favor of seeing to it that your report and any refund is sent to our office prior to November 5, 1964?

Thank you for the personal courtesies extended me while in Richmond, and I regret that I could not stay longer. It would be of value to our research files if you or Rev. Winbush would send us a report describing your meeting and any plans which the Virginia Voters League may have for the future.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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M E M O R A N D U M

November 9, 1964

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 4-1
(Virginia Voters League)

Grant:		$500.00
Expenditures:		
Adv. Print. & Prom.	$ 137.75	
Office Supplies	68.33	
Postage	17.75	
Salaries	140.38	
Trav. & Trans.	135.53	
Bank Charges	.26	
Total		- 500.00

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THE AIMS
PURPOSE
PROGRAM

OF THE

VIRGINIA VOTERS LEAGUE

"Voting Is The Right That Guarantees All Other Rights"

HOME OFFICE

316 E. CLAY STREET, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

DR. G. W. C. BROWN, State President

AMOS C. CLARK, Executive Secretary

The Virginia Voters League was founded in 1939 by Dr. Luther P. Jackson, Professor of History at Virginia State College, Petersburg and president of the Virginia Voters League until his death in 1952.

Dr. Jackson was a tireless crusader of civil rights for all peoples. He traveled thousands of miles throughout Virginia trying to persuade all Americans that only by active participation in the affairs of our local community, state and nation can we realize and safeguard our freedoms, preserve the liberties from which all these advantanges flow; that one does not even have the right to complain about the way things are going — unless he registers and votes. Dr. Jackson's favorite quotation was — "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People."

PURPOSES OF VIRGINIA VOTERS LEAGUE

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It is not **partisan**

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It is not Political

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The Virginia Voters League program is to work with the men and women of Virginia to the end that they will have enough faith in democracy that they will be willing to work the year round to make democracy work.

Our program is to cooperate with both major political parties, all civic leagues, organizations and churches in all the cities, towns and counties in the state, sharing with them techniques and tools so that all citizens will want to register, be informed and vote at all elections.

Our program is to have all chapters conduct civic educational programs at their monthly meetings, so its members may know and willingly undertake their civic responsibilities as citizens of the United States of America.

How Are We to Reach This Goal?

1. By setting up effective machinery through which we can work towards this accomplishment:

   (a) This machinery will consist of organized chapters of the Virginia Voters League in every magisterial district and every city and county in the state.

   (b) These organized units will be centralized in the state body (The Virginia Voters League) from whence coordination of activities will be directed.

   (c) Issues effecting the civic and political well-being of our people on the state as well as the local level, will be studied and analyzed by the representatives of the state body together with our local leaders, so that an impartial unbiased presentation of facts can be made.

HOW CAN A CHAPTER BE ORGANIZED?

1. Call together a group of civic-minded people of your community and have the working of the Virginia Voters League explained to them.

2. Organize a temporary chapter of the league, then work on for a couple of weeks or more until you have twenty-five members or more. When you have reached this point notify the Executive Secretary of the league at 316 E. Clay Street, Richmond, Virginia, and he or some other person will come and organize your chapter.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE VIRGINIA VOTERS LEAGUE?

1. Each person will be required to pay an annual membership fee of $1.00 to the state body plus what ever annual dues the local chapter decides to collect.
2. Each member must be twenty-one years old, or will become twenty-one years old on or before any general election to be held in November of that year.
3. Each person must be a qualified voter, or pledge to qualify within sixty days after date of membership.
4. It shall be the duty of the officers and members of a chapter to plan for and enter into the conduct of vigorous and continuous poll tax and registration campaigns, until every prospective voter in such community has been reached and qualified.

WHAT BENEFITS WILL LOCAL CHAPTER DERIVE FROM THE STATE BODY?

(a) Each member will receive a monthly news letter giving pertinent facts about the State organization and interesting news of what is happening in the local chapters.

(b) Each chapter will receive a charter from the Virginia Voters League, empowering it to operate as one of its affiliates.

(c) The Executive Secretary will assist the chapters in securing speakers needed for special occasions local chapters will undertake during the year.

(d) Each chapter will be sent a supply of the Handbook known as, "The Voting Status of Negroes in Virginia."

(e) Campaign material such as Suffrage Inventory Cards, Voters Pledge Cards, Poll Tax Payment forms, forms and instructions on the operation of Church, Civic Committees, and other materials, tools and techniques will be furnished.

TIME TABLE

From now until the 15th of December we will concentrate on building chapters throughout the state and increasing our memberships.

The Poll Tax and Registration Campaign will be launched on the first of January running until the fifth of May, 1957.

Registration will continue on until the close of the registration books for the Democratic Primary and the General Election in November. (The registration books close 30 days before the Primary and the General Election.)

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THEME FOR STATE CONFERENCE
"OUR EMANCIPATION, GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT AND THE NEW FRONTIERS."

PROGRAMME

Saturday, September 30, 1961

9:00 A.M. Registration

10:00 A.M. Advisory Board Meeting

11:00 A.M. Executive Council Meeting

11:45 to 1:00 P.M. Business Session

1:00 to 2:00 P.M. Lunch

2:00 to 4:00 P.M. Panel Discussion,
Rev. A. I. Dunlap, Moderator
"Our Emancipation, Growth, Development and the New Frontiers"
Attorney Ruth H. Wood-Legal Point of View.
Rev. L. W. Chase-Theological Point of View.
Mrs. Lelia L. White-Historical Point of View.
Mrs. Beatrice Hairston-Educational Point of View.
Mr. Lacona Allen-Business Point of View.

4:00 P.M. Congressional District Report

8:00 P.M. Banquet
Guest Speaker-Attorney Harry I. Wood
Presentation of Awards-Awards Committee.
City Armory-Corner Floyd and Spring Streets

PROGRAMME

Sunday, October 1, 1961

1:00 A.M. Business Meeting

Resolutions

3:00 P.M. Mass Meeting

Rev. Lawrence F. Campbell, Presiding

Opening Selection-Loyal Baptist Chorus and Congregation

Invocation

Scripture

Selection-Loyal Baptist Chorus

Greetings-Virginia Voters League State Officers

Introduction of Speaker-Mr. M. C. Martin

Selection-Loyal Baptist Chorus

Guest Speaker-Mr. L. E. Austin,
Publisher, The Carolina Times, Durham, N. C.

Selection-Loyal Baptist Chorus

Offeratory-Mr. Douglas Thomas, Mr. W. R. Sampson

Announcements

Benediction

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

107 Pilkington Avenue

RICHMOND 24, VIRGINIA

FACTS IN BRIEF CONCERNING VVL

History--Formed in 1939 when less than 10,000 Negroes voted in Virginia, the League was led, until his untimely death in 1950 by the tireless and exemplary Dr. Luther P. Jackson, Professor of History at Virginia State College. This peerless leader (and his successors) strove to arouse interest in voting among Negroes, and encouraged them to join with other forces to work together for liberalization of franchise requirements and all measures pointing towards full and free democracy.

The Negro vote in Virginia increased to more than 100,000, and this progress was reflected in many improvements. However, other activities and organizational interests, often more dramatic than the "hum-drum" of paying poll taxes, registering and voting have, in recent years, deflected attention from the fundamental of voter-participation, with a consequent slow-down of Negro registration, despite the lessening of difficult requirements.

The Present---Aware of this, we of the Voters League, including some new supporters and some who have been absorbed in other activities, now seek to rebuild the VVl, to liven its organization and reinforce its program. We hope to make it a truly effective organization in most of the State, whereas its present effective and vigorous organization is limited to about a dozen counties. Even a "minimum" program should have a significant effect by 1964, and should result in such organizational progress as will insure steady forward movement with more realistic future budgets. With the prospect of voting in Federal elections, at least, without Poll Tax requirement in 1964, there could be a great increase in voter registration--if the VIRGINIA VOTERS LEAGUE is able to do the organizational and educational job required.

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The Virginia Voters League program is to work with the men and women of Virginia to the end that they will have enough faith in democracy that they will be willing to work the year round to make democracy work.

Our program is to cooperate with both major political parties, all civic leagues, organizations and churches in all the cities, towns and counties in the state, sharing with them techniques and tools so that all citizens will want to register, be informed and vote at all elections.

Our program is to have all chapters conduct civic educational programs at their monthly meetings, so its members may know and willingly undertake their civic responsibilities as citizens of the United States of America.

HOW ARE WE TO REACH THIS GOAL?

1. By setting up effective machinery through which we can work towards this accomplishment:

   (a) This machinery will consist of organized chapters of the Virginia Voters League in every magisterial district and every city and county in the state.

   (b) These organized units will be centralized in the state body (The Virginia Voters League) from whence coordination of activities will be directed.

   (c) Issues effecting the civic and political well-being of our people on the state as well as the local level, will be studied and analyzed by the representatives of the state body together with our local leaders, so that an impartial unbiased presentation of facts can be made.

HOW CAN A CHAPTER BE ORGANIZED?

1. Call together a group of civic-minded people of your community and have the working of the Virginia Voters League explained to them.

2. Organize a temporary chapter of the league, then work on for a couple of weeks or more until you have twenty-five members or more. When you have reached this point notify the Executive Secretary of the league at 107 Pilkington Avenue, Richmond Virginia, and he or some other person will come and organize your chapter.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE VIRGINIA VOTERS LEAGUE?

1. Each person will be required to pay annual membership fee of $1.00 to state body plus what ever annual dues the local chapter decides to collect.

2. Each member must be twenty-one years old, or will become twenty-one years old on or before any general election to be held in November or that year.

3. Each person must be a qualified voter, or pledge to qualify within sixty days after date of membership.

4. It shall be the duty of the officers and members of a chapter to plan for and enter into the conduct of vigorous and continuous poll tax and registration campaigns, until every prospective voter in such community has been reached and qualified.

WHAT BENEFITS WILL LOCAL CHAPTER DERIVE
FROM THE STATE BODY?

(a) Each member will receive a monthly news letter giving pertinent facts about the State organization and interesting news of what is happening in the local chapters.

(b) Each chapter will receive a charter from the Virginia Voters League, empowering it to operate as one of its affiliates.

(c) The Executive Secretary will assist the chapters in securing speakers needed for special occasions local chapters will undertake during the year.

(d) Each chapter will be sent a supply of the Handbook known as "The Voting Status of Negroes in Virginia."

(e) Campaign material such as Suffrage Inventory Cards, Voters Pledge Cards, Poll Tax Payment forms, forms and instructions on the operation of Church, Civic Committees, and other materials, tools and techniques will be furnished.

VOTER'S GUIDE

Facts For Voters In Virginia

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING

YOU MAY VOTE IF:

(a) You are a U. S. citizen of age or over;

(b) You have lived in Virginia one year, in your country or city six months, and in your precinct 30 days;

(c) You have paid your poll taxes as required; and

(d) You are registered.

You may vote in a primary if you are qualified to vote in the general election for which the primary is held.

POLL TAX

What it is. The poll tax is a capitation or head tax of $1.50 for each year of Virginia residence (except the first), levied on every citizen over 21, whether or not he or she intends to vote.

HOW AND WHEN TO PAY

The poll tax is assessed by the Commissioner Revenue on every person over 21 years of age known to be in residence in the city or county on January 1, of a given year. The bill is mailed by the Treasurer, along with other tax bills, and is payable by December 5. If you have not received your poll tax bill by December 1, call the Treasurer's office to be billed, or pay in person at the court house. If you fail to pay the poll tax by December 5, you must pay it with a five per cent penalty added by the registration deadline the following May, in order to vote.

Keep Your Poll Tax Receipts -- you may need to show them at the polls.

MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS

Members of the Armed Forces are excused from payment of the poll tax for any year or part of the year in which they were in active service, providing they claim Virginia as their legal residence. Those who are overseas may vote without registering. In that case they should apply for Armed Forces ballots from the State Board of Elections, Richmond Virginia.

TWENTY-ONE YEAR OLDS

A Virginia resident who will become 21 before the date of the general election must register before the registration deadline even though he may not yet be 21. Then he may vote without paying the current year's poll tax. In some cities, Norfolk, for instance, you are required to pay $1.50 for the next years taxes.

SPECIAL ELECTIONS

If a special election is held before the second Tuesday in June, you may vote if you were qualified to vote the previous November, or if you paid all poll taxes due at least six months before the second Tuesday in June. For a special election held on or after the second Tuesday in June, voting qualifications are the same as for the November general election of that year, up to six days prior to the election unless it falls during the 30-day period before a regular election, when books are closed.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Any qualified voter who is physically unable to go to the polls on election day or who is away on business or vacation, may vote by absentee ballot.

HOW TO APPLY FOR BALLOT

1. Ask in person at your Registrar's office for the application for an official ballot, which may be filled out immediately.

2. Write the General Registrar for the application for an absentee ballot. You will receive an application form which must be filled out and witnessed by one person, giving the witness address.

HOW TO CAST YOUR VOTE

1. When you receive the sealed envelope containing the ballot, take it, sealed, to a notary public and follow the instructions on the envelope.

2. Return the ballot in the official envelope, by registered mail or in person. Any ballot returned in any other way will be void.

3. If you find that you will not need to use your absentee ballot, return it unopened at least three days before the election; then, if you go to your polling place on election day you may vote.

4. Even though you have cast your absentee vote, you may appear at the polls on election day, void your ballot, and vote in person.

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration is permanent in Virginia. Once registered, always registered, for as long as you maintain your legal residence.

WHEN TO REGISTER

You may register any time in the year except during the periods when the registration books are closed, 30 days preceding the primary, 30 days preceding the general elections, and six days preceding a special election. Remember to take your poll tax receipts, or, if exempt, proof of military service.

WHERE TO REGISTER

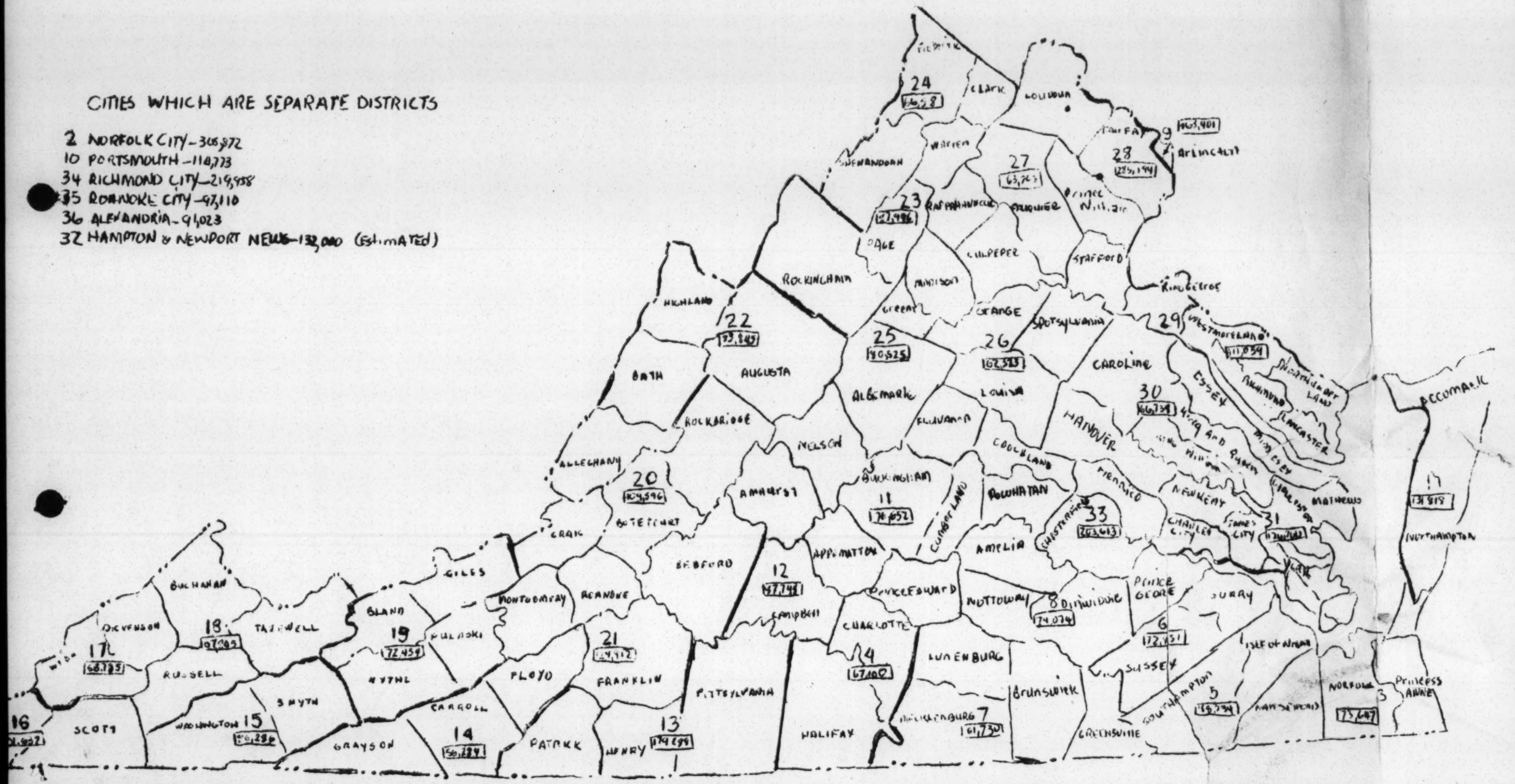
You may register in the office of the General Registrar. In the month before the books close the office will be open additional hours and registration will be accepted at some additional places. Call your City Hall or Court House for full information.

CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

If you plan to move from one precinct to another call the General Registrar to ask that she transfer your name to the new precinct. This must be done before the registration books close. You must vote in the precinct in which you live, except that you must vote in your original precinct if there is an election within the next 30 days.

CITIES WHICH ARE SEPARATE DISTRICTS

2 NORFOLK CITY - 308,872
10 PORTSMOUTH - 118,773
34 RICHMOND CITY - 219,958
35 ROANOKE CITY - 97,110
36 ALEXANDRIA - 91,023
32 HAMPTON & NEWPORT NEWS - 132,000 (ESTIMATED)



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January 4, 1964

Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Director of Research
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-1

Dear Dr. Roberts:

I am pleased to inform you that the Voter Education Project has approved a grant in the amount of $1,000 to the Virginia Voters League to assist you in your voter education program which is to be conducted in accordance with your letter to us of December 10, 1963. This program will begin as of this date (January 4, 1964) and should be set up to terminate not later than November 15, 1964, if not sooner. We understand that this will be a Virginia statewide voter education project.

We regard this as a nonrecurring grant, and we will pay $500 at this time and the other $500 at such time as your financial and progress reporting indciate a need for the balance. The proceeds of this check and any other monies from VEP should be deposited in a separate checking account and you should not deposit funds from any other source into this account.

We are sending, under separate cover, a supply of vouchers which you are to use in reporting your expenditures to us. The attached sheet of instructions is for your use in determining the method of financial reporting and those items which pertain to your type of program are checked in red.

You will note from the instructions that no portion of this grant may be used to engage in partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to support nor oppose legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of nor against any political candidate and none of this money should be used for the payment of poll tax.

We regard your program as being more in the realm of voter education than voter registration and, therefore, the reporting forms which we normally use would not be appropriate. We, therefore, request that you send to our office a report in narrative form each month describing the activities of your program throughout the state of Virginia and we would especially appreciate receiving a copy of any statistics, data, or other information pertaining to voter education or registration, or politics in general which you may gather from time to time.

On or before the 10th day of each month beginning February 10, 1964, we will require that you submit to our office, 1) a report describing your activities under this project for the preceding calendar month, and 2) a financial statement together with properly filled out vouchers describing your financial transactions for the preceding month. We are enclosing our check in the amount of $500 together with a copy of this letter, and we request that you acknowledge receipt of the check and your understanding of the terms and conditions of the grant by signing the enclosed copy and returning it to us.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

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cc: Mr. Herman T. Benn

Herman T. Benn
Attorney at Law
316 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia
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February 25, 1964

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Wiley A. Branton, Esquire
Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

This first report of the grant for which we are very much thankful has been delayed due to the fact that the first planned call meeting for county and city leaders had to be postponed, due to the conflict in dates. The $500.00 was deposited in a special account in the Central National Bank by the Treasurer of the association, Olga M. Carmichael.

The following expenditures from the funds of the grant have been made:

100 postal cards	$4.00
Secretarial help	15.00
Making total expenditures to date-	$19.00

The Executive Committee met on Saturday, February 22, 1964 and authorized the following expenditures:

Hiring of a part-time secretary for the purpose of getting out communications to the chapters in an effort to stimulate voters education and registration.

Securing of badly needed stationery, including forms with which registration workers must use in carrying our their duties.

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Herman T. Benn
Attorney at Law
315 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia
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March 16, 1964

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MAR 18 1964

Wiley A. Branton, Esquire
Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Re: Virginia State Voters League

Dear Mr. Branton:

The above stated organization for its second report regarding the grant, reports as follows:

As a result of a meeting of the Executive Secretary, the President, and the Research Director of the Virginia State Voters League at Virginia State College with the President of the Independent Voters League, a coordinated effort is being made to interest key persons throughout the state to attend a conference to be held in Richmond, Virginia on April 11th; with the purpose in mind of intensifying interest in voter education and registration activity at the grass-root level throughout the state. To this end, approximately 300 letters are being mailed to persons we consider key leaders, along with our regular workers throughout the state, encouraging each one to attend the aforesaid conference.

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We have spent from the funds, in addition to the sum previously reported, $24.73 in the purchase of stamps, envelopes, and secretarial help.

Very truly yours,

Herman T. Benn

Herman T. Benn

HTB:dsp
cc. Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Rev. R. J. Winbush, Jr.

Herman T. Benn
Attorney at Law
316 East Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia
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April 14, 1964

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Miss Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary
Voter Education Project, Rm. 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Levine:

In compliance with your letter of March 21, 1964, we submit the following:

Envelopes and correction fluid	$ 4.73
Stamps	10.00
Secretarial assistance	10.00
TOTAL	$ 24.73

The Executive Committee of the Virginia Voters League has concluded most of the remaining funds from the grant can be used most effectively to defray the expenses for personal contact by our Executive Secretary, Reverend R. J. Winbush, with leaders in areas where there is little or no voter registration and education activity now being carried on in the state.

VEP 4-1

Our report for our March activities is that plans were made and carried out for a meeting of leaders in the V. T. A. Building on April 11, 1964. This meeting was held and it appears that at least one chapter of the league will be established in Williamsburg, Virginia as a result thereof.

A most encouraginig report was received from the Louisa County chapter which reported that they had 100 members working in the county to increase its voter registration strength and was carrying out an intensive voter education program.

The expenses incurred during the month of March will be combined in our report for the expenses of April, 1964.

Very truly yours,

Herman T. Benn

Herman T. Benn

HTB:dsp

April 23, 1964

Dr. Harry Roberts
Director of Research
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-1

Dear Dr. Roberts:

We had hoped to hear from you by this time on the meeting held with community leaders held on April 11. In a letter from Mr. Bann, we did get some indication of what occurred at the meeting, but we would appreciate a more comprehensive report from you.

As your group stimulates activity in various communities, are you requesting reports? If so, we would appreciate your sharing them with us.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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May 20, 1964

Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-1

Dear Dr. Roberts:

Our letters crossed in the mail. I have not received any reports from Mr. Benn. I hope that you will be able to get him to forward a report to us. We are most anxious to know of the activities of the Virginia Voters League.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

May 19, 1964

MAY 20 1964

Mrs. Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

Please pardon this delay in replying to your letter of April 23. Because of being short-handed this year in my department, I missed the meeting of community leaders held in Richmond on April 11. Upon the receipt of your letter, I phoned Attorney Benn and read to him the contents of your letter. He promised to see that a more comprehensive report would be sent you. I hope you have received it by this time. I am contacting him today to see if he has sent it.

Every good wish.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry W. Roberts

Harry W. Roberts, Head
Department of Sociology

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May 19, 1964

Dr. Harry Roberts
Virginia Voters League
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

VEP 4-1

Dear Dr. Roberts:

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the delinquency of your research reporting to us. From letters received here from both Mr. Benn and you, we know your organization is engaged in activity. Won't you share the details with us? It seems unfortunate that we must rely on an occasional news release to learn of your activities. Under the terms of your grant, you were charged with regular reporting to us, and subsequent letters spelled out this responsibility in greater detail. To date, we have received no comprehensive report from you. It would add considerably to our understanding of the Virginia registration picture if we were receiving reports from your organization. Once more, I am enclosing a suggested outline for reporting.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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MAY 29 1964

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Virginia Voters League, Inc.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

107 Pilkington Avenue

RICHMOND 24, VIRGINIA

May 27, 1964

Dear Mr. Branton:

During the month of April, the Virginia Voters League held a state wide conference. Over 150 persons were invited to attend.

With each invitation was a self addressed post card for a reply. Eleven persons responded, six said they would attend, five said they would not.

The meeting was very poorly attended which indicates that a tremendous amount of work and voters education needs to take place on a state wide basis in Virginia.

Due to circumstances very little field work was done in April. Being the only field worker and on a part time basis other responsibilities.

I would like to pass on some information concerning one of our groups in Louisa County. This membership has grown from 45 to 98 since January 1964, through a voters registration drive.

Enclose you will find a copy of the Leagues Aims and Purposes.

Money spent:

FINANCIAL

Secretary Work, 16 hours 45 min., $1.25 per hour $20.56

Executive Secretary, 6 hours $1.25 per hour $7.50

Atty. Benn has asked me to make the monthly report beginning with this one. I now have in my possession from you an outline for making such a report which will be followed in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. R. J. Winbush
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Rev. R. J. Winbush
Executive Secretary

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State Secretary

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JUN 19 1964

Virginia Voters League, Inc.

STATE HEADQUARTERS

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX -:- RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

JUN 1 1964

June 15,1964

Dear Mr. Branton

I can report on 20 new registered voters and two chapters in the process of being reativated.

Due to my absence there is very little to report financialy, therefore I shall combine May and June in the July report.

Beginning July Ist. I will be devoting 30 hours per. week in this chapter building and registration program.

My program for july will be as follows:

July 6- News letter (I will send you a copy)
July 26- Speaker for the Franklin chapter at a Voters registration rally.

My letter writing has not brought good results so I am turning to the telephone and personal contact county by county.

Sincerely YOurs
Reginald J. Winbush
Reginald J. Winbush Exec. Secty.

address all mail to Io7 Pilkington Ave.

Note new address

This seems far from an adequate report.

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Virginia Voters League, Inc.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

107 Pilkington Avenue

RICHMOND 24, VIRGINIA

July - August

SEP 21 1964

Wiley A. Branton, Esq.
Project Director Voters Ed.
SRC Rm. 206
5 Forsythe N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Branton;

In this brief report is information for July and August.

Summer activity for voter registration declined during these summer months. Some Chapters did not meet at all. However visitation of chapters in he state continued;

Goochland
Louisia
Blackstone
Richmond
Smithfield
Franklin
Ashland
Cheaterfield
Hanover

Correspondence with Luray and Pulaski Chapters

Registration in September and the last of August picked up in the drive for the November elections. Enclosed you will find material used by the league to increase voter registration.

Travel, Salary, Stationayy, Stamps, Typist, and telephone amounted to $158.74

Reginald J. Winbush
Reginald J. Winbush Exec. Secty.

Virginia Voters League, Inc.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

107 Pilkington Avenue

RICHMOND 24, VIRGINIA

Dear Chapter Members

Enclosed you will find material for your registration drive in your community to continue untill Oct 3rd. the day the books close. Everything will depend upon your ambition and desire to see that those who have suffered hame not done so in vain.

This letter can not elect fair minded and honest government officals you must do that and only you can do that. Be sure to keep a record of each person who registers to vote. At our annual confrernce October 10th. which will be held at the V.T.A. building 316 E. Clay street, awards will be given to the chapter with the largest number of new registered voters and another award on a percentage basis.

"Don't wait for anything our time is short."

Select your delegate to the convention, but don't let that stop your whole chapter from coming if they wish. There will be plenty of room at the confrence and there are hundreds of places to eat in Richmond. However only your two delegates are required to make reservations through this office for the dinner meal.

re: Registration and Dinner $2.50 per. delegate.

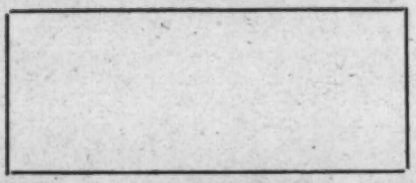
Our Conference theme " THE VOTE IS FREEDOMS RESPONSIBILITY"

Very truly Yours

Herman T. Benn Pres.

Reginald J. Winbush Exe. Secty

To Vote Or Not To Vote That Is The Question



THE VIRGINIA VOTERS LEAGUE INC.
URGES YOU TO

REGISTER and VOTE

1. Because you are an American Citizen
2. Because you have the right to vote
3. Because many have suffered preserving that right
4. Because freedom depends upon your using that right

Register NOW so you can Vote LATER
that is the Answer

Deadline October 3

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION TO VOTE

VIRGINIA VOTERS LEAGUE, INC.

Name in Full .....

Street Address .....

Place of Birth .....

Year ..... Month....., Day..... Age.....

Occupation .....

Have you ever voted before? Yes ☐ No ☐.

City and State last voted .....

VIRGINIA....., RICHMOND....., PRECINCT.....

REPORT ON GRANT

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VIRGINIA VOTERS LEAGUE

November 4, 1964

DATE 1964	CHECK No.	ITEM	CREDIT	DEBIT
		Amount Received	$ 500.00	
2-27	1	Rev. R. J. Winbush, Expenses-Supplies		$ 50.00
3-10	2	Rev. R. J. Winbush, Stamps-Stationary		10.00
3-10	3	Mauck & Company, Envelopes & Correction fluid.		4.76
3-16	4	Mrs. Lillie Harris, Secretarial Work		39.69
3-19	5	Rev. R. J. Winbush, Post Cards, Books, Pads.		10.60
5-26	6	Mrs. Lillie Harris, Secretarial Work		20.57
5-26	7	Rev. R. J. Winbush, Salary		7.50
7-7	8	Rev. R. J. Winbush, Mileage Salary		19.91
7-16	9	Rev. R. J. Winbush, Traveling Expense		48.87
7-27	10	Rev. R. J. Winbush, Traveling Salary		21.84
7-31	11	Rev. R. J. Winbush, Traveling Expense		19.91
8-19	12	Rev. R. J. Winbush, Stamps		5.00
8-22	13	Rev. R. J. Winbush, Working hours traveling		25.00
8-28	14	Mrs. Lillie Harris, Secretarial Work		48.12

Report on Grant
Virginia Voters League

DATE 1964	CHECK No.	ITEM	CREDIT	DEBITS
9-28		Olga Carmichael, Treasurer, Refund -Ledger Book		$ 2.97
9-28		Olga Carmichael, Treasurer Refund-postage		2.75
9-21	15	Rev. R. J. Winbush, Virginia Voters Registration		24.50
9-30	16	Quality Printing, Registration Hand Bills	WAB has it.	68.00
10-28	17	Quality Printing, Registration Hand Bills		17.00
10-10	18	Mr. Moses Riddick, Speaker Donation-Voters Registration		10.00
10-10	19	Slaughters Hotel-Voters League Banquet		42.75
10-10		State Planters Bank Service Charge		.26
				$ 500.00

137.75
68.33
17.75
140.38
135.53
26
500.00

VIRGINIA VOTER'S REGISTRATION LEAGUE

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FIRST AND MERCHANTS
NATIONAL BANK OF RICHMOND
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

№ 0012

PAY Thirty and ----------03/100---------- DOLLARS $ 30.03

TO THE ORDER OF Voters Education Project

VIRGINIA VOTER'S REGISTRATION LEAGUE

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

NON-NEGOTIABLE

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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VAN ALLEN CO.-ATLANTA

VIRGINIA VOTER'S REGISTRATION LEAGUE

DETACH AND RETAIN THIS STATEMENT
THE ATTACHED CHECK IS IN PAYMENT OF ITEMS DESCRIBED BELOW.
IF NOT CORRECT PLEASE NOTIFY US PROMPTLY. NO RECEIPT DESIRED.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

DATE	INVOICE NO.	AMOUNT	DISC.	NET	DISTRIBUTION		
					A/C	DR.	CR.
	Checks ...			$29.15			
	Sales Tax.....			.88			
				$30.03			

CITIZENS COMMITTEE
OF
Wilson and Wilson County

WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA

SEP 26 1963

1113 E. Nash Street
September 23, 1963

Mr. Randolph T. Blackwell, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

The Citizens Committee of Wilson and Wilson County is a composite body of the leading Negro Organizations in Wilson County. It was organized twenty years ago to assure unified action in the efforts of the Negro's fight for first class citizenship. Through this organization, civic clubs, social clubs and the local branches of the N.A.A.C.P. work together in lifting the life of the Negro in the fields of Education, Economics, Human Relations, Civics, Politics and Human Welware.

Many Registration drives have been sponsored by the Citizens Committee and the results have been good. These drives were responsiable for four thousand Negro voters who elected a Negro to the City Council.

A new registration was begun in Wilson and Wilson County five years ago, and the Negro citizens have been slow in re-registering. There are only 2400 registered Negro voters in the County at present.

The Citizens Committee is planning an extensive Registration Drive from October 15 through November 15. The goal of this effort is the registering of 3000 Negro citizens which will bring the total number of Negro voters to 5400.

The cost of this drive is estimated in the following budget:

15 Workers ($ 1.00 per. hr.; 5 days per. wk.; 4 wks.)		$ 2400.00
1 Office Secretary	(one month)	250.00
Office and Office Equipment	(One month)	150.00
Publicity	(Papers, Radio, Hand Bills, Signs)	100.00
Transportation		100.00
	Total	$ 3000.00

The Citizens Committee of Wilson and Wilson County will be responsible for the item of transportation.

Your interest and consideration is appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Talmage A. Watkins

Talmage A. Watkins, Chairman

September 27, 1963

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Randolph T. Blackwell

RE: Field Trip to Wilson, North Carolina

September 13, 1963, I visited Wilson (Wilson County), North Carolina. This was my second trip to Wilson and my second opportunity to talk with Dr. G. K. Butterfield. Dr. Butterfield is chairman of the Citizen's Committee of Wilson and Wilson County.

When I talked with Dr. Butterfield and other members of his committee it was agreed that the best time to conduct a drive would be in late September or October after the cotton season. It was this agreement that occasioned my visit at this time.

My visit with Dr. Butterfield was brief. My presence in his office seemed to raise the question, "What about our drive?" We went directly into a discussion of the project.

Dr. Butterfield explained that his organization had in the past used retired citizens effectively. This method gives me cause for great reservation when we consider the amount of leg work usually required in order to produce successes. I asked about the use of outside help. This idea was not encouraged by Dr. Butterfield. I believe I read into his attitude a feeling of confidence in the way that they have been operating.

We will receive a request from the ~~Raleigh~~ Wilson Committee in a few days. I think we should act favorably on the request if it is reasonable, but such action should be clearly conditioned on the success of the program from month to month.

Randolph T. Blackwell

RTB:js

November 5, 1963

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Randolph T. Blackwell

Re: The Citizens Committee of Wilson and Wilson County-Wilson, N. C.

I am satisfied that the group that this request has come from is the one that we will want to do business with. It is a coordinated group with a long history in voter registration. This is reflected in my two field reports.

I have some reservations about the use of retired citizens, and yet they contend that they have been successful in the past.

The goal that the group has set is 3000 in thirty days through the use of fifteen workers. This would be an average of ten new voters per day per worker. Viewed in this light, 3000 seems like an entirely realizable number. And thus, $3000 does not seem quite so unreasonable.

I would recommend that we inquire of the group as to whether it is still interested in our sponsorship, indicating that we could go as far as $2000 or $2500, providing the community is willing to invest in the drive also.

Randolph T. Blackwell

RTB:js

November 15, 1963

Dr. Hugo Owens
600 Green Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Dr. Owens:

I enjoyed talking with you on the telephone yesterday and I appreciate very much your frank comments regarding voter registration in the Portsmouth-Chesapeake area.

I do hope that the Voter Education Project will be able to give some support to work in your area at a very early date.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc. (newsletter)

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11-22-63

November 15, 1963

Mr. Talmage A. Watkins, Chairman
Citizens Committee of Wilson
and Wilson County
Wilson, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Watkins:

Our Field Director, Mr. Randolph Blackwell, has referred to me your letter to him of September 23 in which you informed him that you planned an extensive registration drive from October 15 through November 15. You also submitted a budget and requested some financial help in your drive. Because of the fact that your letter came less than three weeks before your planned drive it was virtually impossible for VEP to give your request proper consideration in time to support that drive.

We assume that you conducted some kind of a drive on your own during that period and we are very much interested in finding out exactly what results were achieved and we would appreciate hearing from you in this regard.

Mr. Blackwell has recommended that we make you a grant in the approximate amount of $1500 to support your next registration effort and we would like to know if you would still be interested in conducting another registration drive and whether meaningful use could be made of such a grant. I recognize the fact that we are rapidly approaching the holiday season and this interferes with registration efforts in some communities but is no problem in others. We, therefore, would like to know from you whether you are interested in starting another drive prior to Christmas or if you would prefer waiting

until early next year. Upon receipt of this information from you we will be prepared to give immediate consideration to your request.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

CITIZENS COMMITTEE
OF
Wilson and Wilson County

WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA

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1113 E. Nash Street
November 24, 1963

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Our registration drive which was to begin in October has been postponed to begin on February 3.

Your consideration of a grant to help us in this effort will be much appreciated, as we are in need of assistance.

Trusting that this grant can be made, I am

Yours very truly,

Talmage A. Watkins

Talmage A. Watkins, Chairman

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December 3, 1963

Mr. Talmage A. Watkins
Chairman
Citizens Committee of Wilson
and Wilson County
Wilson, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Watkins:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 24 in which you informed us that your registration drive has been postponed to begin on February 3, 1964. I am pleased to tell you that the Voter Education Project has given tentative approval to a grant to your program in the amount of $1500 which will be paid to you prior to February 1.

We require all participating agencies to make use of specially printed voucher checks and that they maintain a special bank account to be used solely for funds coming from VEP. We will have the checks printed for you here in Atlanta and then bill you for the actual cost of printing which will run approximately $25.00 for 500 checks. This is more than you will need for this program but you can use the remainder on a continuing basis after the project is ended. Please send us a blank check showing the name of the bank which you will use and the exact name of the account and indicate how many people will sign each check. If your bank uses an electronic code number for either the bank or the account then please make sure that we are furnished with these numbers so that the electronic code can be printed on your checks.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

1-10-64 WABr SL

CITIZENS COMMITTEE
OF
Wilson and Wilson County

WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA

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1113 E. Nash Street
Wilson, N. C.
January 2, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Thank you very much for the grant of $1500 to aid us in our registration drive which will begin on February 3, 1964. Plans are now being made to assure a successful campaign.

Enclosed you will find a check now used by the Citizens Committee from which you may get the information you need to print the special voucher checks for funds coming from VEP. Two persons will sign each check.

We will be happy to follow all of the suggestions you make.

Yours very truly,

Talmage A. Watkins

Talmage A. Watkins, Chairman

Checks ordered 1/6/64 (250)
Due 1/10/64

January 11, 1964

Mr. Talmage A. Watkins, Chairman
Citizens Committee of
Wilson and Wilson County
Wilson, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Watkins:

We are sending, under separate cover, the special voucher checks to be used by your project when your program begins on February 3. We have not as yet been invoiced for these checks but will bill you for them after your grant has been made.

Mr. Branton has asked me to tell you that you will receive the first installment of your grant by January 31, so that you will be in a position to start your program on February 3. You will receive all your instructions regarding progress and financial reporting at that time.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

1/30/64
Letter re reporting requirements for BW
in Progress reporting file.
JS

February 17, 1964

Mr. Talmage A. Watkins, Chairman
Citizens Committee of
Wilson and Wilson County
Wilson, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Watkins:

Re VEP 4-2

We are enclosing our check in the amount of $500, representing our second installment toward the $1500 grant made you on January 30.

The same conditions and restrictions apply to this installment and the reporting requirements are the same.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc. 1

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE
OF
Wilson and Wilson County

WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA

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919-243-4890

1113 E. Nash Street
February 5, 1964

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Mr. Wiley A. Branton
5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Thank you very much for the first installment of $500.00 toward the $1500.00 grant which VEP has approved. The receipt is enclosed.

The Voter Registration Campaign in Wilson and Wilson County will run for two weeks. We had planned for a drive to last for one month, but because of the lack of finance we find it impossible to do so. Our campagin is now under way and we are having good results. There are twenty paid workers throughout the county and city making door to door canvasses. On February 14 they will complete the work and we will need the $1000.00 balance of our grant by that time. These workers give eight hours per day at this task and we pay $1.00 per hour. The total amount needed for the workers for the two week period will be $1600.00. ✓

The follow-up drive will be done by voluntary workers as we have done in the past through the Citizens Committee.

We have received the progress report blanks which will be completed and mailed at the end of each week.

Encolsed you will find payment for the voucher checks.

Yours very truly

Talmage A. Watkins

Talmage A. Watkins

2/10/64 – WB talked with Dr. Butterfield who stated that approx 134 people were registered during 1st week & that weather had prevented heavier turnout & that drive would be extended. WB cautioned against heavy expenditures without results.

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

January 30, 1964

Mr. Talmage A. Watkins, Chairman
Citizens Committee of
Wilson and Wilson County
Wilson, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Watkins:

Re VEP 4-2

The cost of your check printing was as follows:

250 voucher checks	$19.15
Sales tax	.58
Total cost	$19.73

Will you kindly make this check out to the Voter Education Project. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

Receipt acknowledged this 3rd day of February 1964.
Signed: T. A. Watkins

January 30, 1964

Mr. Talmage A. Watkins, Chairman
Citizens Committee of
Wilson and Wilson County
Wilson, North Carolina

Re VEP 4-2

Dear Mr. Watkins:

We are enclosing our check in the amount of $500.00 representing the first installment toward the $1500.00 grant which VEP has approved for your voter registration program which is scheduled to begin February 3, 1964. Please let us know approximately when you will need the other two installments of $500.00 each so that we can arrange for the money to be sent to you at the proper time.

The proceeds of this check and any subsequent monies from VEP should be deposited in a special checking account and no other funds from other sources should be mixed with this account. All disbursements should be made by check on your new voucher checks we recently sent to you. If you want to keep a small petty cash fund then you should write a check for petty cash but expenditures from this fund should be supported by vouchers, a supply of which is being sent you under separate cover. In that mailing we will also include a set of instructions and conditions covering this grant and you, your Secretary and Treasurer, are requested to read these instructions carefully and make sure that the Director of your project understands them fully.

Please make special note of the fact no portion of these funds may be used to engage in partisan politics whatsoever.

We have made a note in our records that your program will run for one month from February 3, and if you have decided to change the length of time of your drive then you should let us know immediately. We cannot give you any more money on your budget but you may extend the life of your program with the funds we are contributing if you care to.

Mrs. Barbara Whitaker, our Research Assistant, will send you instructions regarding progress reporting, but keep in mind that we should receive financial reporting weekly as explained in the financial instructions.

You are requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed check and your understanding of the conditions covering this grant by signing the enclosed carbon of this letter and returning it to us immediately.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc.

The Citizens Committee

of

WILSON AND WILSON COUNTY

sponsors

VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN

FEBRUARY 3-14, 1964

ALL PERSONS 21 YEARS OLD AND OLDER ARE URGED TO BECOME FIRST CLASS CITIZENS BY REGISTERING TO VOTE.

A Voteless People is a Hopeless People
Register Now!

Get your information from

CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS

569 East Nash Street

Wilson, North Carolina Phone 243-5854

2-5-64

Receipt acknowledged this
_____day of _____,
1964.
Signed: _____

January 30, 1964

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Citizens Committee of
Wilson and Wilson County
Wilson, North Carolina

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Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc.

2-5-64

January 30, 1964

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Citizens Committee of
Wilson and Wilson County
Wilson, North Carolina

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Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

CITIZENS COMMITTEE
OF
Wilson and Wilson County

WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA

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MARCH 11, 1964

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ROOM 201, 5 FORSYTH STREET, N.W.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

DEAR SIR:

PLEASE SEND MORE LEDGER SHEETS FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING TO VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT. THANK YOU

VERY TRULY YOURS,

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ODELPHIS WOODARD
HEADQUARTERS SECRETARY

Sent 3/12/64

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March 16, 1964

The Rev. Talmage A. Watkins
Citizens Committee of Wilson
and Wilson County
1113 East Nash Street
Wilson, North Carolina

Dear Rev. Watkins:

Unforseen circumstances compel me to reschedule my trip to Wilson.

I have informed our Director of the fact that you have re-instituted your registration activity. In view of the fact that I will not get into North Carolina until the week of the 22nd, please let us have a report describing your organizational accomplishments and registration successes.

As ever,

Randolph T. Blackwell
Field Director

RTB:js

VEP 4-2

March 19, 1964

Mr. Talmage A. Watkins, Chairman
Citizens Committee of
Wilson and Wilson County
Wilson, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Watkins:

Mr. Randolph Blackwell has informed us that your registration program is being resumed. We are, therefore, sending you our check in the amount of $500, respresenting payment of the balance of your grant in full.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc. 1

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5-30-64

May 21, 1964

Dr. R. X. Butterfield
Citizens Committee of Wilson
and Wilson County
669 E. Nash Street
Wilson, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Butterfield:

Re VEP 4-2

I have been informed by my fiscal assistant that your project is very delinquent in financial reporting and that she has received no response from inquiries regarding this matter.

We are eager to close our books on this account and must have complete accounting, including the balance of $33.70 which our books show as unreported from your project. Mrs. Levine informed me that we need from you carbon copies of all checks written by your project since your last reporting, to begin with check No. 0081.

We will anticipate receipt of this reporting within the week.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

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May 7, 1964

Dr. R. K. Butterfield
Citizens Committee of Wilson
and Wilson County
669 E. Nash Street
Wilson, North Carolina

Balance
@ 33.70

Dear Dr. Butterfield:

Re VEP 4-2

According to the terms of your VEP grant financial reporting is due in our office weekly. We have received none from your project since early in April and we are eager to bring our books up-to-date on this grant.

Would you, therefore, send us all check carbons of checks written since your last reporting (they should begin with check No. 0081) and then repeat this procedure every week.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

July 24, 1964

Mr. Virgil C. Dimery
Williamsburg County Voters League
Box 331
Kingstree, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dimery:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 21, together with a copy of your letter of the same date to Dr. R. N. Beck. I was a little surprised that you sent copies of your letter to Dr. Beck all over the country before finding out the position of VEP regarding your complaint.

VEP made a grant to the Sixth Congressional District in April, 1964, in support of a three-month voter registration program payable at the rate of $2,000 per month. Apparently Dr. Beck and some of the other leaders did not understand at one of the first meetings that we did not permit the money to be divided up then sent to each county as appprently had been discussed at one of the early meetings. It was our decision here at VEP that we would not permit the money to be sent to each county as we could not be able to retain proper financial accounting over such an arrangement, and we so instructed Dr. Beck. As there has been a determination as to the approximate amount of money available for each county, then the respective counties should submit the proper vouchers or invoices to the Sixth Congressional District organization and the individual checks will be sent to the various payees. Because of the fact that sometime you do need a little cash money, we authorized Dr. Beck to send each county $50 to be kept as a petty cash fund, and to require each county to account for each expenditure with vouchers, and when that sum is used up, he can send another $50 petty

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fund. The major bills, however, should be paid by check to the persons entitled to receive the money, and not to the county organization. I hope that this explains the financial requirement to your satisfaction, and I see no reason why it should present any handicap.

Now the thing that causes me some concern is your allegation that you are not having Executive Committee meetings in the Sixth Congressional District, as we do not want this program to be strictly a one or two man show. I am certain that I do not have all of the facts, and I am requesting Dr. Beck by copy hereof, to write me concerning the matters raised in your letter Upon receipt of further information from Dr. Beck, I will be in touch with you.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

cc: Dr. R. N. Beck
Mr. Frank Robinson
Dr. Charles Thomas, Jr.

WD

Williamsburg County Voters League
Box 331
Kingstree, South Carolina
July 21, 1964

Dr. R. N. Beck
403 North Dargon Street
Florence, South Carolina

JUL 23 1964

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter dated July 20, 1964, we would like to know what type of organization is the Sixth Congressional District Organization supposed to be. Is it supposed to be an Organization of the Nine Counties, or is it supposed to be a two person Organization run exclusively by you and Rev. L. B. Burgess.

We have repeatedly asked for a meeting of the Executive Committee, to no avail. We have repeatedly asked for a meeting to discuss a fair division of the money allotted to the Sixth District, to no avail. We have repeatedly asked for participation in the policy making for the Sixth District by the Nine Counties, to no avail. Now, we ask, how can we have a successful Crganization of the Sixth District when we in the Nine Counties do not have a voice in the Organization? What will happen when V.E.P. money is cut off? Will the Organization then, die, or will you and Rev. Burgess Finance it? Surely, you could not, in good faith, ask the counties to finance a District Organization then, when now you are running a two man operation? Surely, you must not think, that, only you two people in Florence have anything to contribute to the Sixth District?

We protest, in no uncertain terms, this apparent disregard of the Executive Committee, that was duly elected in our first meeting in Florence, and the utter lack of consideration shown the Nine County Organizations by you and Rev. Burgess. We know that V.E.P. and Mr. Wiley Branton has had too much experience in dealing with people to sanction such a policy as this.

It has been our experience, that just such short sighted actions as are now being carried out by you and Rev. Burgess, is why we have never been able to have an effective state-wide Voters League in South Carolina.

In closing we would like to call to your attention the old Saw, "Ceasar's Wife Should be above Suspicion."

Yours truly,
Virgil C. Dimery
Virgil C. Dimery
Registration Chairman
Williamsburg County Voters League

VEP 4-12

P. S. Again, I call your attention to the fact, that, Dimery & Rogers Funeral Home, has advanced to the Williamsburg County Voters League over $400.00 for clerical help, workers, stamps, paper, envelopes and other items, on the representation made to our League by Mr. Blackwell of V.E.P. and others at the meeting in Florence.

Virgil Dimery

Virgil Dimery

Copies to: Mr. Wiley Branton
Mr. Charles Thomas
The Nine County Chairmen
Dr. Martin Luther King
Mr. James Farmer
Mr. Roy Wilkins
Mr. Essua Jenkins
Mr. Ben Mack
Mr. Frank Robinson

mr Branton,

mr Blackwell and Dr Beck & others at the meeting in Florence told us that V.E.P. had allocated $6,000 for the Sixth District at the rate of $2.000 per month for 3 months, that the money would be divided amoung the Counties at the rate of $200. for 8 Counties, leaving Florence County & Dr Beck $400.00 per month, that we should program the money for workers, ect, to help us in Registration. we were led to believe that checks would be sent the next day to the County Organizations. On this understanding we went ahead, hired workers & steped up our County program. when no money arrived to pay the workers and pay for Stamps, our

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Funeral Home advanced the money to the Voters League, which now amounts to over $400.00. To date we (our voters League) have received only $50.00 from Dr Beck, we have repeatedly asked for the money and asked for a meeting of the Executive Committee, which was elected at our first meeting in Florence, so we can come to some understanding, for, as far as we can see, only Dr Beck and Rev. L. B. Burgess seem to have ~~have~~ any voice in the Sixth District Organization. To us, it does not seem fair. Dr Beck, the chairman, Rev L. B. Burgess, the Sect. & Treas., The other 8 Counties Completely ignored, not knowing what is going on, who elects or appoints the officers of the Sixth District, or who is Dr Beck or Rev Burgess accountable to.

Virgil Dunn

WB—

M E M O R A N D U M January 6, 1965

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 4-2
(Citizens Committee of Wilson & Wilson County)

Grant:		$1500.00
Disbursements:		
Adv. Print. & Prom.	$ 99.56	
Fix. & Equip.	27.06	
Office Rent	80.00	
Office Supplies	78.15	
Salaries	1185.50	
Tel. & Tel.	31.03	1501.30
Overaccounted		($ 1.30)

jl

FEB 14 1964

WBG
BWV
JS
RTB

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Voter Registration Campaign of Wilson and Wilson County

Period covered by this report: From Feb. 3 to Feb. 7 1964

Person reporting Talmage A. Watkins

1113 E. Nash Street	Wilson	Wilson	N. C.
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: February 8, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: City and County

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 1,470

Number instructed at home 67

Number instructed at clinics 29

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 287

Number successfully registered by this project this week 287

Number denied registration in this project this week none

a. Reason for denial _____

Number contacted by other means The whole County by Radio and hand bills and news paper

a. Specify means _____

Number refusing to participate _____

a. Reason for refusing to participate _____

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 287

Number of workers in the campaign 20

Remarks _____

Recd 2/26/64

JS
BW
WDV
JS

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Wilson-Citizen Committee

Period covered by this report: From Feb 7 to Feb 14 1964

Person reporting J. A Watkins

1113 E NASh St Wilson N.C.

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: Feb 19, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

City + County

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 1467

Number instructed at home 121

Number instructed at clinics 56

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 202

Number successfully registered by this project this week _____

Number denied registration in this project this week _____

a. Reason for denial _____

Number contacted by other means _____

a. Specify means _____

Number refusing to participate _____

a. Reason for refusing to participate _____

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 503

Number of workers in the campaign twenty

Remarks _____

APR 13 1964

JSV
BW
JS

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: The Citizens Committee of Wilson + Wilson County

Period covered by this report: From February 3, to March 30, 1964

Person reporting Dr. M. K. Butterfield, act. Chairman

669 East Nash St., Wilson, Wilson, North Carolina
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: April 10, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Wilson City and Wilson County

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 2061

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics 113

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week

Number successfully registered by this project this week

Number denied registration in this project this week 88

a. Reason for denial Can't read and write

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 41

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not interested, against religion.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 861

Number of workers in the campaign 20

Remarks

VEP 4-2

April 23, 1964

Dr. G. K. Butterfield
Acting Chairman
669 East Nash Street
Wilson, North Carolina

VEP 4-2

Dear Dr. Butterfield:

In our original correspondence with Rev. Watkins in January, we requested background information on the community in which your drive is being conducted. We have sent several follow-up requests since that time, but we have received no replies. It is essential that we have this information for our files on your project. I am enclosing a copy of the original letter to Rev. Watkins.

Let us hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

Encl.

May 19, 1964

Dr. E. K. Butterfield
Citizens Committee of Wilson and
Wilson County
669 East Nash Street
Wilson, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-2

Dear Dr. Butterfield:

We have written a number of letters requesting a narrative report on the project recently concluded in Wilson and Wilson County. No reply has been received from you. We are most anxious to complete our files on this project, but cannot do so until you submit a report to us. I am enclosing a program outline, which was sent earlier, to be used in preparing this report.

May we hear from you soon?

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

Encl.

January 30, 1964

Mr. Talmage A. Watkins, Chairman
Citizens Committee of Wilson
and Wilson County
Wilson, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-2

Dear Mr. Watkins:

Under separate cover, we are sending copies of our reporting forms. We would suggest that these forms be completed, in duplicate, by each of the workers in your project. We would like to have forwarded to us a weekly compiled report of the activities of these workers beginning February 14 and each Friday thereafter for the duration of the project.

In order that our research files will be complete, we request, at your earliest convenience, a narrative report in which you cover the following items:

1. Location and size of community in which the drive is being conducted; proportion of Negro voting age population; total number of registered voters; number of Negroes registered to vote.

2. General description of Negro residential areas; conditions of Negro employment (with special reference to public employment e. g. police officers, firemen, etc.); whether Negroes occupy any public office, elective or appointive, at the time of registration program.

3. Description of the activities which preceded the organization of the registration program along with a description of the Citizens Committee of Wilson and Wilson County.

4. Attitudes of public officials toward registration activities among Negroes; organized opposition, either official or unofficial, to registration.

At the close of the program, we would like to have a narrative summary covering the items in the enclosed VEP program outline.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js
Encl.

CITIZENS COMMITTEE
OF
Wilson and Wilson County

WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA

W.B. ✓
R.T.B. ✓
B.W. ✓
JS

March 20, 1964

MAR 21 1964

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 201, 5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Attention:

Mrs. Barbara Witaker:

The progress of the Citizen Committee of Wilson and Wilson County has increased tremendously. It is well on its way to becoming a permenant office.

The Registration Drive alone has over one hundred, @100, workers who meet every Friday evening to make plans for the next week. There is a total of over eight hundred, @800, registered Negro voters in Wilson City and County as a result of the Registration Drive and the number is increasing.

Our plan for working is as followed: Workers are assigned to every precinct and township, the precincts and townships are broken down into streets and rural routs, workers are placed on every block and rural rout. In this way more people are contacted in a shorter time.

We will strive to keep our headquarters on the incline and also strive to make this a permenant office.

Very truly yours,

Odelphis Woodard

(Miss) Odelphis Woodard
Headquarters Secretary

4-2

March 26, 1964

Mr. Talmage A. Watkins, Chairman
Citizens Committee of Wilson
and Wilson County
Wilson, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-2

Dear Mr. Watkins:

We received a letter from your secretary informing us on voter registration activity in Wilson and Wilson county. However, the letter did not include the statistical report which is required. We would appreciate your forwarding same as soon assposible.

May we remind you again that we have not received the background information on your project which we requested on January 30 and March 11. May we expect to hear from you on this?

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Director

BIW:js

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March 11, 1964

Mr. Talmage A. Watkins, Chairman
Citizens Committee of Wilson
and Wilson County
Wilson, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-2

Dear Mr. Watkins:

We understand from Mr. Blackwell that you have been engaging in a period of reorganization of your current voter registration campaign.

We would appreciate having a report on your current organizational plans, as well as the date you plan to resume full scale activity.

We have not yet received the background information we requested in our letter to you on January 30. May we hear from you at an early date in regard to these matters?

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

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MAY 27 1964

CITIZENS COMMITTEE
OF
Wilson and Wilson County

WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA

Voter Registration Campaign Held in Wilson County

Wilson County is located in the mid-eastern section of North Carolina and has a population of 58,000 of which 24,000 are Negroes.

The number of Negroes registered at the beginning of the campaign was 2,600. The number of Negroes registered to-date is 3,562. The total of registered voters throughout the county is 17,862.

Our Registration Drive began February 8, and ended February 29. The Citizens were made aware of our drive two weeks in advance by means of the radio, newspapers, P. T. A. groups, the churches, civic and social clubs, distribution of hand bills and telephone calls. All of this helped considerably in preparing the citizenry for the house to house canvass by the precinct workers.

The Registration Books are open to registrants at the Court House from year to year, five days weekly, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. 'til 5:00 p.m. This works a disadvantage to people who work until 5:00 p.m. especially those who work outside of the county and who come home weekends after 5:00 o'clock.

Residential areas are segregated with the exception of a small area where white and Negro live approximately integrated.

The employment for large numbers of Negroes over a period of years has been limited to the tobacco industries but are now being employed in large numbers in the needle industries such as Sampson Shirt Factory and Burlington Automotive Fabric Company.

The City of Wilson has three Negro policemen, twelve Negro volunteer firemen, one Negro member on the Urban Renewal Commission, two members on the Advisory Committee to Urban Renewal, and two Negro members on Housing Authority Board, and one on the Recreation Commission.

The Citizens Committee has been actively working to resolve many of our political, social, and economic problems over a period of 22 years. The first project in 1942 was to enter a suit against the Board of Education for better school facilities. In 1955 the Citizens Committee entered suit against the City Commissioners because of a segregated municipal stadium. Without a decision from the court, both objectives were accomplished, in that, segregation was eliminated. In 1953 the Citizens Committee also sponsored a Negro candidate for City Alderman and was successful in electing him, in 1955 elected him to a second term.

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In 1956 the Registration Books were closed and a new registration was held.

The Citizens Committee, through conferences, worked with the heads of chain stores and successfully integrated lunch counters including Howard Johnson and Holiday Inn lunch rooms and lodging.

The attitude of registrars and other officials toward registering Negroes is very good.

G. K. Butterfield

G. K. Butterfield, Chairman

June 4, 1964

Dr. G. K. Butterfield
Citizens Committee of Wilson
and Wilson County
669 East Nash Street
Wilson, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-2

Dear Dr. Butterfield:

Thank you for the report which we recently received.

We noted that the report did not cover in detail the activities following the reorganization of your campaign which occurred after Mr. Blackwell's visit to your community. He had indicated in his report that you successfully recruited block leaders and compiled names of registered and non-registered persons by street addresses.

We would appreciate it if you would supply us with a supplemental report, giving the way in which you utilized the services of the block workers, and an evaluation of whether the card file was useful to you in your work.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

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Write Mrs. Whittaker

WB

LOOBY AND WILLIAMS
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
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CHARLOTTE AT FOURTH
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
ALPINE 5-8457-8

Z. ALEXANDER LOOBY
AVON N. WILLIAMS, JR.

JAN 9 1964

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Honorable Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

Thanks for your letter of 12 December 1963 with enclosure and kindly pardon the delay in replying. The holiday season caused difficulty in getting this matter cleared with the board of the Political Council. Clearance has now been obtained.

As you know, Vivian Henderson's report in the project conducted last year and the year before indicated an estimated total non-white registration in Davidson County of about 18,000 out of approximately 44,000 adult non-white population according to the last census. This shows less than 40% non-white registration as compared to over 2/3 white registration in this County. I might add that even this was obviously an optimum estimate and is, of course, subject to continual attrition by reason of substantial numbers of voters who fail to keep their qualifications current under our statutes.

We, therefore, propose to launch a massive voter registration campaign immediately with emphasis on Davidson County and with a

goal of adding between 15,000 and 20,000 Negro registrants to the books in Davidson County in the next ten months. We believe that this program can be worked out and we propose to submit an outline of plans therefor together with a proposed budget and a request for a project grant within the next two weeks.

With kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours

Avon N. Williams, Jr.

ANW/ib

12-19-63

December 12, 1963

Mr. Avon Williams, Jr.
327bCharlotte Avenue
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Avon:

I am enclosing a photocopy of a letter which I received from W. C. Patton after I had informed him that VEP would only consider making a grant for work in Nashville if it was going to be a joint program between the local branch of the NAACP and the Davidson County Independent Political Council.

Please let me know in writing if such a program can be worked out at this time and if so, then it would be necessary that we be furnished a budget.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc. 1

NOV 30 1963

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

TWENTY WEST FORTIETH STREET • NEW YORK 18, N. Y. • BRyant 9-1400

Please direct reply to:

W. C. Patton
Field Secretary
234 Hernando Street
Memphis 5, Tenn.
525-6057

November 27, 1963

Mr. Wiley Branton, Esquire
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I was in contact several days ago with the President of the Nashville branch, and today with Attorney Williams, and I am of the opinion that the group can work together to do a good registration job there.

However, I believe the budget is too small for what Mr. Williams has in mind. I would think the budget should be double the amount requested.

Please give us your decision at the earliest possible moment.

Yours truly,

W. C. Patton /evt

W. C. Patton

WCP/evt

2-14-64

February 7, 1964

Mr. Avon N. Williams, Jr.
Looby & Williams
Charloote at Fourth
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Avon:

In your letter to me of January 8, 1964, you stated that "we propose to submit an outline of plans therefor together with a proposed budget and a request for a project grant within the next two weeks."

Mr. W. C. Patton was in our office the other day and was under the impression that the request and budget had been sent to VEP but we haveenever received this and we cannot take any action until the request and budget have been submitted to us.

Kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

cc: Mr. W. C. Patton
Nashville Branch NAACP
Atten. Mrs. Whitaker

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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Please direct reply to:
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Field Secretary
234 Hernando Street
Memphis 5, Tenn.
525-6057

FEB 11 1964

February 10, 1964

Miss A. Theressa Whittaker
Nashville Branch of the N.A.A.C.P.
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Whittaker:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 13th.

Please be informed that Mr. Branton is waiting for you to submit a budget for your campaign so that action can be taken on it.

As soon as possible after the budget is submitted, you will be notified as to the disposition taken on this matter.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

W. C. Patton

WCP/evt

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RTD

Please give me your opinion on this proposal.

WB

February 17, 1963

Wiley,

My initial reaction to the amount requested in this proposal is a negative one: it appears excessive. I am impressed with the organization and research plans of the group as far as they are explained in this document. I would like to know what exactly they plan to do with the findings from their undertaking. I question the length of time (10 months in the proposal since the registration deadline for the General Election is October 3. I also wonder if the goal of 15,000 new registrants is for Davidson County alone. If so, in view of past achievements, this, too, seems unrealistic.

I would hope that VEP would contribute to this undertaking, and soon, but not the requested $9000.

Barbara

Barbara has in my opinion raised all the important question. I agree with the importance of each.

RB

LOOBY AND WILLIAMS
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
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CHARLOTTE AT FOURTH
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
ALPINE 5-8457-8

FEB 13 1964

Z. ALEXANDER LOOBY
AVON N. WILLIAMS, JR.

12 February 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206/5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

Thanks for your letter of 7 February 1964 calling attention to my failure to submit the documents which I promised on January 8th. Enclosed you will find a Project Proposal including outline of plans and proposed budget. The two sponsoring organizations, Nashville Branch N A A C P and Davidson County Independent Political Council have formally agreed through their respective boards of directors to sponsor the continuation of the Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project and to submit the enclosed proposal and request for project grant.

While the grant requested may seem somewhat large, we feel that it is not unrealistic in view of the magnitude of the project and its broad implications. We are, therefore, urging that if at all possible the grant be approved in its full amount of $9,000.00.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

Avon N. Williams, Jr.

ANW/mwd
cc: Mrs. C. E. McGruder
Miss Theresa Whittaker
Mr. I. T. Creswell, Jr.
Dr. V. W. Henderson

Enclosure

Project Proposals

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Z. ALEXANDER LOOBY
AVON N. WILLIAMS, JR.

FEB 26 1964

25 February 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206, 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

Thanks for your letter of 19 February 1964 indicating your unwillingness for the present to accept our proposal mailed to you February 12th and suggesting instead a six-weeks program of straight voter registration for which you would approve a grant in amount of $2,000.00.

We will accept your proposal on condition that you agree to reconsider ours on the basis of the showing made in the six-weeks program. We suggest that it begin next week inasmuch as 1964 automobile license tags go on sale March 2nd. You may make the check payable either jointly to the Nashville Branch N A A C P and the Davidson County Independent Political Council or directly to the Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project or both. Please let us have the check immediately so that we can get moving.

Very truly yours,

Avon N. Williams, Jr.

ANW/ib
cc: Mr. W. C. Patton
234 Hernando Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Miss A. Theresa Whittaker
Nashville Branch NAACP
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dr. Vivian Henderson
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, North Carolina

VEP 4-3

2-26-64

February 19, 1964

Mr. Avon N. Williams, Jr.
Davidson County Independent
Political Council
327 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Avon:

Thank you for your letter of February 12, together with your "Proposal for Voter Registration and Research Project Grant."

The proposal which you submitted is one of the most interesting of any submitted to us, and is a challenging research proposal. At this stage of the project, however, we are more interested in an effort toward actual registration in the Nashville area. Inasmuch as we have previously supported a combination research-registration program in Nashville, we would prefer to concentrate solely on registration.

Mr. W. C. Patton has previously submitted a budget to us for a six-week registration program by NAACP in Nashville, and it was his proposal which prompted us to suggest a cooperative effort with the Davidson County Independent Political Council, such as was done before.

VEP is willing to support a voter registration program in the Nashville area at an early date. We could approve a grant in the amount of $2000 for this purpose. I realize this would probably be a short-term program of about six weeks, but if it is properly organized, and you can secure the necessary volunteer help in advance of the kick-off, then there is no reason why you cannot get in some meaningful registration during a six-week program.

Please let us know whether or not such a coordinated program could be conducted, and if so, let us have some indication of

the approximate time during which this program would run.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

cc: Mr. W. C. Patton
984 Hernando Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Miss A. Theresa Whittaker
Nashville Branch NAACP
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville, Tennessee

March 3, 1964

Mr. Avon N. Williams, Jr.
Chairman
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project
Charlotte at Fourth
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Williams:

Re VEP 4-3

We have approved a grant to the Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project in the amount of $2,000 in support of a voter registration program which is to be conducted in Davidson County for a period of six weeks beginning March 2, 1964. It should be understood that we are not making any commitment for the continuation of your program beyond the six week's period. However, we will be pleased to review your proposal at the end of six weeks, and determine at that time our attitude regarding any possible continuation.

As I explained to you on the phone we require the use of triplicate voucher checks so that we can keep up with the expenditures of all of our projects. A complete set of instructions regarding the use of voucher checks is being sent you under separate cover. We find that these checks can be printed here in Atlanta at a cost of approximately $33.00 per 500, and $45.00 per 1000. If you can get them printed in Nashville at anywhere near the same price we would much prefer that you get it done there, although we are willing to get them printed for you here in Atlanta and bill you for the cost. If, for any reason, you decide that you want us to have the checkes printed for you it will be necessary that you send us a blank check showing the name of your bank, the name of your account, and any

electronic bank or account numbers.

We are enclosing a set of conditions and restrictions which we impose upon all grants and we wish to stress the one prohibiting the use of any of the funds to engage in partisan politics in any manner whatsoever.

The proceeds of this check should be deposited in a special bank account and no other funds should be deposited in this account during the life of this project. We prefer that no publicity be given to the fact that you have received a grant from the Voter Education Project. Although you should readily admit the receipt of our support if questioned, all inquiries concerning the amount of the grant should be referred to us. This does not mean that you should not frankly discuss with the members of your committee or participating organizations the amount of the grant.

Mrs. Barbara Whitaker, our Research Assistant, will write you regarding progress reporting and you will note from the other instructions being mailed you that financial reporting is to be submitted weekly. I would suggest that you use regular checks until you get your printed voucher checks but you should make a carbon copy of each check so that it can be sent to us at the end of each week in lieu of the voucher check carbon.

We are enclosing our check in the amount of $2,000 together with a carbon copy of this letter and you are requested to acknowledge receipt of the check and your understanding of the conditions of the grant by signing the enclosed copy and returning it to us.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc. 3
cc: Mr. W. C. Patton
Miss A. Theresa Whittaker

March 11, 1964

Mr. Avon N. Williams, Jr.
Looby and Williams
McClellan-Looby Building
Charlotte at Fourth
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Williams:

I was sorry to learn that you had not received the instructions for the use of voucher checks and the forms which you will be using. They were sent to you on the same date as the original grant letter and have not been returned to this office but apparently they went astray in the mails.

Another set of instructions and forms was mailed to you yesterday and I would appreciate your informing me of you do not receive them in a reasonable length of time.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

VEP 4-3

WB

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
ALPINE 5-8457-8

Z. ALEXANDER LOOBY
AVON N. WILLIAMS, JR.

9 March 1964

MAR 10 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Re: VEP 4-3

Dear Mr. Branton:

Receipt is acknowledged of VEP check 3-3-64 in amount of $2,000.00 for subject grant. Enclosed is signed copy of your letter of transmittal properly receipted by me as requested therein.

Although your letter of transmittal indicated that conditions of the grant were enclosed therein and that you were forwarding under separate cover instructions regarding the use of voucher checks, neither the conditions nor the instructions referred to have been received. I had been awaiting same before returning the enclosed receipted copy of the letter. In view of the lapse of time, I am now convinced the omission was inadvertent.

It is, therefore, requested that you forward us at your earliest convenience the set of conditions and restrictions imposed upon the grant as referred to in your letter of 3 March 1964 and also the instructions regarding the use of voucher checks. I have asked Miss A. Theressa Whittaker, Director-Secretary of the Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project, to forward you a copy of the first Board meeting on 4 March 1964.

Second set sent 3-10-64

With kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Avon N. Williams, Jr., Chairman
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project

ANW/mwd
Enclosure

VEP 4-3

Received this 5th day of March

19, 64

Signed: [illegible]
Treasurer
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

March 3, 1964

Mr. Avon N. Williams, Jr.
Chairman
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project
Charlotte at Fourth
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Williams:

Re VEP 4-3

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Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc. 3
cc: Mr. W. C. Patton
Miss A. Theresa Whittaker

March 12, 1964

Miss A. Theressa Whittaker
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration
Project
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville 8, Tennessee

RE: VEP 4-3

Dear Miss Whittaker:

Under separate cover, we are sending copies of our reporting forms. We would suggest that these forms be completed, in duplicate, by each of the workers in your project. We would like to have forwarded to us a weekly compiled report of the activities of these workers beginning March 20 and each Friday thereafter for the duration of the project.

Any questions and comments you would like to make will be welcomed, so please feel free to contact us at any time.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

PHONE AL 5-1607 PHONE 254-3381

Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project

(Joint Voter Registration Campaign of the Nashville Branch of the NAACP and the Davidson County Independent Political Council)

1308 Jefferson Street
NASHVILLE 8, TENNESSEE

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March 9, 1964 MAR 11 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206, 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

The Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project has been formally organized. Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of our organizational meeting.

We need the instructions regarding progress reporting, as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

A. Theressa Whittaker

(Miss) A. Theressa Whittaker

ATW: EB
Encl.

PHONE AL 5-1607

PHONE 254-3381

Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project

(Joint Voter Registration Campaign of the Nashville Branch of the NAACP and the Davidson County Independent Political Council)

1308 Jefferson Street
NASHVILLE 8, TENNESSEE

March 4, 1964

Dear Board Member:

There will be a meeting of the Board of the Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project on Monday, March 9, 1964, at 8:00 p.m. in this Office.

The minutes of the previous board meeting follow:

Minutes of the Board meeting on March 2, 1964, Atty. Avon Williams, acting chairman. The meeting began at 8:30 p.m.

Members present: A. Williams, E. H. Mitchell, J. Wallace, Mrs. G. E McGruder, and Miss A. T. Whittaker.

Dr. Mitchell described the organization of and techniques used in previous registration campaigns. The paid personnel included a secretary and a director; a chairman and a treasurer were appointed. Among the techniques used to get people to register were (1) contact at the courthouse (most effective), (2) door-to-door campaign (ineffective because there was inadequate transportation and because many did not keep commitments to go), and (3) offer of ten cents per name to churches for getting members to register (no response from ministers).

Atty. Williams indicated that the Southern Regional Council (Voter Education Project) is forwarding funds for this project. The drive actually began today (Mon., Mar. 2), at the same time as the automobile license tag sales; the campaign will continue for six weeks.

The possibility of mobile registration units was discussed. Pressure would have to be placed on the Election Commission, perhaps through the Metropolitan Council Committee concerned with election procedures -- although this possibility is dubious -- or perhaps through the Governor.

During this six-weeks drive, emphasis must be on actually registering voters -- i.e., voter education and research will not be attempted. A program to get the maximum number of people registered in the most effective way must be developed.

Suggested techniques to be employed: (1) The courthouse must be covered regularly by reliable people. (2) An improved transportation system for taking people to register should be investigated. (3) Contacts by students at the bus shelters may be made.

A motion that Dr. M. H. Mitchell be appointed chairman of the Board, passed.

A motion that Miss A. Theressa Whittaker be appointed Director-Secretary, passed.

A motion that Atty. Avon Williams be appointed treasurer, passed.

The following decisions were made:

(1) A telephone for the MTVRP will be installed.

(2) Permission to use the office and expenses of the Project for the rent of office space and the use of a typewriter, are to be cleared with the NAACP Executive Committee.

(3) Contact areas will be the courthouse and bus shelters.

(4) Temporarily, the allotment to courthouse workers will be $7.50 per day. (Day = 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.).

(5) Supplies and campaign materials that are on hand will be used before going to additional expense.

(6) Ministers should be contacted, requesting that their members be reminded of the redistricting.

* (7) Each Board member is to have some concrete ideas on developing an effective registration program.

The meeting was adjourned until Monday, March 9, 1964, at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Theressa Whittaker
Director-Secretary

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LOOBY AND WILLIAMS
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
McCLELLAN-LOOBY BUILDING
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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
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Z. ALEXANDER LOOBY
AVON N. WILLIAMS, JR.

13 March 1964
(dictated 3/12/64)

MAR 16 1964

Mrs. Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary
Voter Education Project
Room 266
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Levine:

Thanks for your letter of 11 March 1964 regarding the instruction and forms. The original set arrived the day after we wrote Mr. Branton, and the second set which you forwarded arrived yesterday.

Very truly yours,

LOOBY & WILLIAMS

By
Avon N. Williams, Jr.

ANW/mwd

4-3

4-8-64

April 1, 1964

Miss A. Theressa Whittaker
Director-Secretary
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Miss Whittaker:

Re VEP 4-3

We received the invoice this morning on your check imprinting for:

500 Voucher Checks	$31.30
Tax	.94
Total	$32.24

May we have your check to reimburse us for this expense.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

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PHONE AL 5-1607

PHONE ~~[illegible]~~
256-2225

Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project

(Joint Voter Registration Campaign of the Nashville Branch of the NAACP and the Davidson County Independent Political Council)

1308 Jefferson Street
NASHVILLE 8, TENNESSEE

March 14, 1964

MAR 16 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Re: VEP 4-3

Dear Mr. Branton:

We have investigated the possibility of having triplicate voucher checks printed in Nashville and find that such printing will be more expensive than if you have it done for us; therefore, we are requesting that you have printed for us 500 checks. We understand that you are to bill us for the cost of printing.

Enclosed is a blank check showing the name of our bank, the name of our account, and our electronic bank number.

Also enclosed is the form which was returned to us, indicating the cost of having the checks printed locally.

Very truly yours,

A. Theressa Whittaker

(Miss) A. Theressa Whittaker
Director-Secretary

ATW

Enc. (2)

cc: Atty. Avon N. Williams, Jr.

ordered 3-16-64
Promised 3-20-64

MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

DETACH AND RETAIN THIS STATEMENT
THE ATTACHED CHECK IS IN PAYMENT OF ITEMS DESCRIBED BELOW.
IF NOT CORRECT PLEASE NOTIFY US PROMPTLY. NO RECEIPT DESIRED.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

DATE	INVOICE NO.	AMOUNT	DISC.	NET	DISTRIBUTION		
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4/3/64	VEP 4-3						
Reimbursement for 500 Voucher Checks				$32.24			

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5 Forsytg Bldg. 5th Floor

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SALESMAN | BOUGHT BY | DATE 3-19-64

500 Voucher Checks

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Mrs. Sandifer:

Call me and give me the price on these voucher checks for one of our customers. 1000 and 500 before printing.

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1,000 — SNAPOUT WITH CARBON - $59.25
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Middle Tennessee
~~MAGNOLIA COUNTY~~ VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT
~~1234 Confederate Blvd.~~ 1308 Jefferson St.
~~Magnolia, Alabama~~ Nashville, Tennessee

Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Co.
~~First National Bank of Magnolia City~~

NO. 600

Date _____

PAY _____ DOLLARS $ _____

To the Order of

Countersigned: Chmn.

Treas.

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The attached check is in payment of items described below
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~~Magn. City Vot. Reg. Camp.~~ Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project ~~Magnolia, Ala.~~ Nashville, Tenn.

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~~4-21-64~~

April 14, 1964

Miss A. Theressa Whittaker
Director-Secretary
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Miss Whittaker:

Re VEP 4-3

We note that the six-weeks schedule for the running of your program has expired but you have unexpended funds in the approximate amount of $700 and we, therefore, assume that your program is continuing uninterrupted. If this is not the case then will you please inform us immediately.

Before your funds are completely exhausted you should determine whether you want to continue your registration program and if so it will be necessary for you to request supplemental funds in writing. You should state the facts which you feel would justify VEP's continued support. This statement will become a part of your original proposal.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
cc: Mr. Avon Williams

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville 8, Tennessee

April 17, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206, 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Your assumption that our program is continuing uninterrupted is correct. We anticipate running at least two weeks beyond the original six-weeks schedule.

At a meeting of our Board next week we will evaluate the entire program. I anticipate the need for continuing this registration project. You may expect a report and possibly a proposal by April 27, 1964.

Sincerely,

A. Theressa Whittaker

(Miss) A. Theressa Whittaker
Director-Secretary

ATW: eb
cc: Attorney Avon Williams
Dr. E. H. Mitchell

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May 7, 1964

Miss A. Theresa Whittaker
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Committee
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Whittaker:

Re VEP 4-3

According to the terms of your VEP grant financial reporting is due in our office weekly. We have received none from your project since early in April and we are eager to bring our books up-to-date on this grant.

Would you, therefore, send us all check carbons of checks written since your last reporting (they should begin with check No. 0019) and then repeat this procedure every week.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

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April 23, 1964

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Weldon J. Rougeau

Re: Field Report on Nashville, Tennessee (VEP 4-3)

During my recent field trip to Nashville, Tennessee, I became very impressed with the results obtained during a recent voter registration drive. Through various interviews, I learned that production was commensurate with the effort placed into the over-all drive.

I shall try to categorize each area of activity involved in the registration drive and give my personal comments from an observational standpoint.

ORGANIZATION OF DRIVE

Each person I spoke with, particularly Miss A. Theresa Whittaker, the director of the voter registration project in Nashville, appeared to feel that given more time to contact all segments of the community, the drive would have been better organized.

In the opinion of Miss Whittaker and Mr. Avon Williams, Jr., chairman of the Davidson County Independent Political Council, they "....were pushed for organizing time...." because they were desirious of using the motor tag purchasing period as a means of contacting more people who were in and around the courthouse. Most of the people registered were registered as a result of their using the aforementioned period to their advantage.

Mrs. C. E. McGruder, president of the Nashville branch of the NAACP, felt that because of the "short time for planning," the PTA, high school student councils, and other community organizations could not be contacted.

I asked each person if they would need an organizing period before beginning another drive upon receiving another monetary grant from VEP. Most of them felt this would be needed, but that at the same time, felt their two workers at the courthouse who solicit registration of Negroes, should remain there. This ostensibly seems to be practical since the courthouse workers have been doing an effective job.

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PUBLICITY

According to Miss Whitaker, there was sufficient radio and newspaper publicity but no television spot announcements were sought for fear of a counter reaction from the white community. I expressed the feeling that television publicity should have been sought because it would still be beneficial for Negro registration and that perhaps it could serve as a catalyst for arousal of the masses if there were counter registration drives by reactionary whites.

Most of the printed matter I saw was very well composed, appealing, and easily readable. A Mr. Donneley from Fisk University, has been responsible for most of the publicity, and has done a commendable job.

My feeling is that not enough emphasis was placed on fully informing the lower class Negro by failing to create publicity that would appeal to him. In this light, I suggested the use of "gimmicks" such as trading stamps (if the people of Nashville do a significant amount of trading this way), the raffling of groceries and other items, and other conceivable ideas for spurring the flow of human traffic to the courthouse.

CANVASSING

With the absence of the students from Fisk and Tennessee A & I Universities, and from the high schools of Nashville, I feel an effective canvassing program suffered immeasurably.

Although I was shown canvassing sheets taken from the recent campaign, I still feel that constant confrontation with the prospective registrant wa s not maintained.

In this area of activity, I feel if more participation is obtained from the youth of Nashville, gradual amelioration of the drive as a functioning machine will be discernible.

COOPERATION OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The Frontiers International, Nashville Christian Leadership Conference (NCLC), and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority were mentioned as organizations that failed to cooperate with the voter registration effort after being asked to do so. These notables were joined in a

feast of complacency by most of the "Elmer Gantry" ministers of Nashville who did almost nothing to involve their congregations in the drive.

In my opinion, most of the organizations in the community would probably not help because of their lack of previous involvement. This can be coupled with the fact that most work of this nature is usually done by a devoted minority alerted to the needs for a more effective Negro vote. Most of the others are ammiaceous as carrots: waiting to be uprooted from the soil of nonchalance.

NEIGHBORHOOD REGISTRATION

The Davidson Cointy Independent Political Council has repeatedly sought to have neighborhood registration in the city of Nashville, but to no avail.

However, the County Election Commission has made neighborhood registration available to the fringe areas of the county where most of people living there are whites.

In refusing to institute neighborhood registration in the city limits of Nashville, the commission has stated it does not have the authority to do so. Persons interviewed invariably stated this is said because the brunt of the Negro population is concentrated within the city limits. Negroes registering en masse could cause considerable political disruption at the local, county, and state levels.

Dr. Edwin Mitchell of Meharry Medical School believes ".....that the registration books will only be procured when it becomes politically expedient to do so or if the state Negro organizations support the re-election of someone like Frank Clement, the governor." Needless to say, the latter would be like leaping into Dante's Inferno.

I suggested that the Negro and white organizations join together in presenting a neighborhood registration drive, if this were feasible. Organizations which could be contacted are: The League of Women Voters, Council of Churches, County Democratic Committee, and other community organizations.

All of the members of the project feel that their drives will never be as productive as possible under the present circumstances. I concur in that feeling, and further believe that all legal devices should be employed to insure neighborhood registration for the Negro citizenry of Nashville.

THE FUTURE

The original goal of 15,000 set at the inception of the drive was termed "too optimistic" at this time, and under the present circumstances. A new goal of approximately 5,000 was believed more realistic if present conditions prevail. This should be realized by October when the books close for the November elections.

CONCLUSION

It is my belief that the project in Nashville should be continued because it is one capable of growing and producing if properly nurtured. If the participants are given a chance to revamp their over-all program, I feel that subsequent registration drives will be ones deserving of praise and continued monetary support.

I further believe that the present director, (Miss A. Theresa Whittaker) of the project is a very capable and talented individual. Her political acumen andkeen knowledge of the capabilities of the members of the project are manifest in her constructive criticisms and her concern for FREEDOM NOW!

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Weldon Rougeau

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville 8, Tennessee

MAY 18 1964

May 15, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206, 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Enclosed is an evaluation of the registration campaign of the Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project on a proposal for extension. I apologize for not having it ready before this, but, I did want to work out the plans for a subsequent project very carefully. I have confidence that this plan will work.

We have begun already to recruit volunteers who will participate and to involve other organizations that will be influential in securing mobile registration units.

We look forward to continuing our drive.

Very truly yours,

A. Theressa Whittaker per

(Miss) A. Theressa Whittaker
Director Secretary

Dr. E. H. Mitchell, Chairman
Attorney Avon N. Williams, Treasurer

ATW: eb
Encl.

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MAY 18 1964

PROPOSAL FOR CONTINUATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND RESEARCH PROJECT GRANT

The Voter Registration Project conducted from March 2, to April 24, 1964, motivated and documented 1,023 new registered voters among Negro citizens. Despite the fact that the results of our efforts were not a realization of our goal of at least 2,000, we consider the increase significant.

Primary emphasis was placed on registering the population of respondents (referred to in our original proposal of 12 February, 1964) who indicated that they had not registered because they "just never got around to it." 67% of those who registered (as documented by our courthouse workers) were reminded and persuaded to register in the courthouse as they purchased automobile licenses. The remaining 33% registered as direct results of other techniques, which included:

(1) Telephoning respondents to previous survey inquiries in selected areas. (Said respondents had indicated a willingness to register and a need for transportation; such transportation was provided by us).

(2) Contacting people at bus shelters.

(3) Making special appeals at churches on "Citizenship Sunday".

(4) Publishing and distributing widely some 10,000 copies of a register to vote broadside, emphasizing immediate registration.

(5) Having spot announcements made on radio.

Workers in the drive were a director-secretary, a secretary and two courthouse workers. Girl Scouts volunteered to contact people at the bus shelters. The National Alliance of Postal Employees (NAPE) helped publicize the drive. The Political Action Committee of the NAACP, Nashville Branch, maintained adequate transportation facilities.

The increase in registered voters represents an effective but less than satisfying attack on voter apathy. Voter registration during the six weeks period having been our primary objective, we conducted a controlled drive, i.e., the techniques used to combat voter apathy were limited. We did not use door-to-door canvass, but, instead involved concentration on known areas of non-registered voters.

We consider these areas exhausted and conclude, that attention must be given to the population who must be reached through more personal means, as will be outlined below.

Our results and the previous reports, indicate the need for a sustained program. For example, with hardly any other activity, a person at the courthouse can average approximately 45 or 50 new registered voters during a week. We suggest, therefore, that at least one worker be maintained at the courthouse, throughout the year, to work whenever the registration office is open.

We envision the success of adding approximately 12,000 registered voters in the Nashville-Davidson County area, by sponsoring a prolonged, systematic drive. Working, for the most part within councilmanic districts, door-to-door canvassing would be the initial approach to locate non-registered voters. Approximately 200 workers would participate in the campaign.

The plan is herein outlined:

Group:	No:	Responsibility
(1) Canvassers	20 per district	Determine non-registered voters and reasons for not registering in assigned areas.
(2) Compilers	2 per district	Breakdown the reports of Group 1, according to reasons and streets. Respondents inclined toward registering without too much persuasion would constitute Group A.

		Respondents not inclined toward registering would be listed as Group B.
(3) Telephoners	10 per district	Call Group A, persuading respondents to register; report need for transportation (if any).
(4) Persuaders	5 per district	Visit Group B. (Being prepared to convince them that they should register; report need for transportation (if any).
(5) Transporters	10 per district	Having received assignments, transport people to and from the courthouse.

Simultaneous with the campaign in districts, there will be publicity through all media of communications, i.e., television, radio, and newspapers, as well as through the traditional channels of churches, businesses, and schools; people will be contacted at bus shelters (transportation being kept available at that place of contact); the worker (s) at the courthouse will document all registration.

A final aspect of voter registration with which we are greatly concerned is the inacessability of the courthouse and the inconvenient registration hours. During the last drive, we renewed our request to the County Election Commission for mobile registration units, to be placed within the old city limits where Negro citizens are predominant. To date, we have been unsuccessful in securing such units. We propose more concentrated attack of this problem by seeking the support of various groups, such as non-partisan political organizations, civic groups, and student demonstrators. Without doubt, neighborhood or mobile registration would facilitate our efforts to register more than three-fourths of the non-registered population.

Our general plan is essentially that of our original proposal, except for the modifications as outlined above. We can organize the necessary manpower and can successfully promote voter registration using this plan.

For a period of eight weeks, we estimate that this program will require the following funds:

1.	Clerical, stenographic, and research assistance.	$ 1,250
2.	Field work, including travel and transportation.	300
3.	Office space and upkeep, including telephone service.	350
4.	Office and research supplies.	300
5.	Publicity.	300
		$ 2,500

May 26, 1964

Miss A. Theressa Whittaker
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration
Project
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville 8, Tennessee

RE: VEP 4-3

Dear Miss Whittaker:

Thank you for your letter of May 20, in which you answered the questions raised in my letter to you of May 18.

I am pleased to inform you that VEP has approved a supplemental grant to the Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project to extend your program until July 7, 1964, with the further understanding that this grant is considered retroactive to May 11.

Any funds not used prior to July 7 may be retained for use when the books reopen in August. Our check in the amount of $2,000 is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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cc: Mr. Avon Williams

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MAY 21 1964

MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37208

May 20, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

This letter comes in reply to your three questions of May 18.

1) We had planned to conduct the eight-week program from May 11 through July 7. We actually have not discontinued the last project; while we are recruiting workers and support of organizations, we continue to maintain a courthouse worker (who documented 85 people last week). Door-to-door canvassing, etc., as outlined in the proposal, will begin Monday, May 25, 1964.

2) The registration books will be closed July 8 through August 9, inclusive. The August primary will be held on the sixth.

3) No registration is permitted during the time the books are closed.

Enclosed are sample copies of the leaflet printed by MTVRP.

Very truly yours,

A. Theressa Whittaker, Director-Secretary

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ISTER NOW!

VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT APRIL 3, 1964 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

You Can't Vote

Unless You Are Registered

To vote in Tennessee, you must be . . .

. . . a citizen of the United States.

. . . 21 years of age or older, on or before the date of the next election (August, 1964).

. . . a legal resident of Tennessee for one year.

. . . a resident of Davidson County for six months.

. . . REGISTERED.

IF YOU DON'T QUALIFY before the registration books close, you will not be able to help decide who runs City Hall, the State Government, the Congress and the White House.

YOURS IS THE VOTE THAT COUNTS. If you don't vote, others who do will make decisions for you.

It is your **right** and **responsibility** to REGISTER NOW and vote in every election.

MOBILE REGISTRATION UNITS REQUESTED

Mobile registration units have been requested of the Davidson County Election Commission, because of the special problem arising from the fact that the working hours of many people make it impossible for them to go to the County Courthouse during the regular Registration Office hours.

The Commission has been unwilling to provide such units in such districts as the 17th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 28th—i.e., inside the old city limits.

Ten local supplemental registration units for a period of two (2) days, approximately 45 days before each election, are operated in the County.

Atty. Avon Williams initiated correspondence with the Chairman of the Election Commission in July, 1963. Having received no satisfactory response, recently renewed the request.

It has been pointed out by Mr. Williams that the Commission's choice of locations for the mobile registration units "is manifestly inequitable and probably accounts for the fact that the adult white population of Davidson County is estimated to be approximately **three-fourths** registered to vote, while the non-white, or Negro, population is only approximately **one-third** registered."

CITIZENSHIP SUNDAY

Ministers and laymen will join in focusing attention upon voter registration Sunday, April 5, 1964, during "Citizenship Sunday."

"Yes, I'll REGISTER NOW," answer a line of citizens who just never got around to it before they were reminded.

Pictured above are Board members: (seated, left to right): Atty. Avon N. Williams (Treas.), Mrs. C. M. Hayes, Dr. John Wallace, Dr. E. H. Mitchell (Chairman), Miss A. Theressa Whittaker ((Director-Secretary); (standing, left to right): Mr. W. Dickerson Donnelly, Mrs. C. E. McGruder, and Dr. Lawrence N. Jones. (Not pictured: Rev. E. M. Alcorn and Mr. Henry Cartwright.)

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE LAUNCHED

The Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project has launched a drive for 3,000 new registered voters.

Surveys reveal that most people just forget to register. The Project's aim is to remind the citizens of Metropolitan Nashville to go to the Courthouse to register.

Approximately 66 per cent of the total Nashville population are eligible to make decisions for this community. Only six per cent of this total are non-white residents, while the remaining 60 per cent are white residents.

The figures also show that while approximately 75 per cent of the white population is registered, less than one-third of the Negro population is qualified to vote—significantly less than the number eligible actually to vote!

The program of the MTVR Project is directed by a Board composed of members from both the Davidson County Independent Political Council and the Nashville Branch, NAACP.

Not Quite 21?

You can REGISTER NOW, if you will be 21 years old before the next election.

Don't say, "I'll just wait until after my birthday in August." Then it will be too late, because registration books close 30 days before an election and don't reopen until several days—sometimes more than a week—after an election.

TRANSPORTATION

Car pools are being formed to accommodate you with transportation to the Courthouse and back home—if you need someone to take you.

Contact the MTVR Project Office at 1308 Jefferson Street, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Phone: 256-2225.

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A PUBLICATION OF THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE

DELINQUENCY RATE HIGH

Dear Citizen:

Your community needs you. The delinquency rate in Metropolitan Nashville is becoming more serious. Something must be done.

These delinquents are adults who fail to exercise their rights and accept responsibility for making this a better place in which to live.

You are a delinquent if you are not registered and do not vote. . . . . because only a registered voter helps decide upon:

- the kind of school YOUR children attend.
- the kind of treatment YOU receive at the hands of the police.
- the kind of welfare service YOU can get for YOUR FAMILY in time of need.
- how much taxes YOU have to pay and how your tax money is spent.

Your vote elects the officials who make and enforce our laws.

You can complain all day and weep all night, but public officials will not pay much attention to you. Local, state and federal governments listen to VOTERS.

Please help lower the delinquency rate.

REGISTER NOW!

HOW TO REGISTER

It is easy to register. You can do it in less than three (3) minutes.

Place: County Courthouse (Ground Floor)

Time: Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Just tell the registrar that you want to register to vote. She will fill out your card for you. After you sign it, you're finished.

May 18, 1964

Miss Theresa Whittaker
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration
Project
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville 8, Tennessee

RE: VEP 4-3

Dear Miss Whittaker:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 15, together with your proposal for a continuation of your voter registration and research project in Davidson County, Tennessee.

Before reaching a decision on your request, there are three questions which we would like to have answered:

1) During what dates do you plan to conduct your eight-week program?

2) What times will the registration books be closed in your county during the period of your proposed drive?

3) Will it be physically possible for people to register in July after the deadline for registration for your primary?

Please send us a sample of the leaflet which was paid for by your check number 0015 dated April 10, 1964 to Hemphill Press in the amount of $201.94.

Your request will be processed immediately upon receipt of the above information.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

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JUN 8 - 1964

MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville 8, Tennessee 37208

June 4, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

This is to acknowledge receipt of Voter Education Project funds in the amount of two thousand dollars ($2000.00) for continuation of the Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project.

The Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project Board thank you for this renewal.

We are getting very favorable results from our efforts.

Yours truly,

A. Theressa Whittaker

(Miss) A. Theressa Whittaker
Director-Secretary

ATW: eb

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37208

AUG 19 1964

August 18, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206, 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

On July 26th, Miss A. Theressa Whittaker left Nashville to work for the IBM Corporation in Yorktown Heights, New York.

Therefore, in her absence, I shall try to continue with the Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project with the able assistance of Attorney Avon N. Williams, Jr., and Dr. E. H. Mitchell, plus the other Board members connected with the project.

On July 8, 1964, we temporarily suspended operations as the courthouse was closed due to the coming primary election which was held on August 6, 1964. We were informed that the courthouse and the registration office would be opened on August 11, 1964, a week after the election. We have once again started the project.

There will be a financial accounting from June 29-30, July 1st, 2nd, 6th and 7th as these were the days that the project was in effect.

The other data will be sent to your office as soon as I can compile the figures that deal with the election and the registration drive.

Please have patience with me and I shall try to do as good a job as Miss Whittaker did for the MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ella Boyd

Mrs. Ella Boyd, Secretary

* New contact noted.
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MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37208

August 26, 1964

AUG 26 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206, 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Enclosed please find a financial report, the cancelled checks and also the Voter Education Field Report for the week in July. I am in need of some ledger sheets for Financial Reporting To Voter Education Project as I could not find any in the office. Therefore, in lieu of one of the forms, I am sending you a typewritten report on expenditures from July 28, 1964 to August 21, 1964. Sent 8/24/64

The other information concerning the Primary Election with statistics, newspaper clippings and the precincts and wards will be sent shortly.

Our voter registration drive is really picking up. The people are becoming cognizant of their duty to register. We are getting volunteers both adults and youth who are willing to canvass door-to-door both in their neighborhood and other areas where they feel apathy exists.

Since the operations were suspended prior to the election, we are once again publicizing the facts that people can once again register at the courthouse.

I will send you early in September the Voter Education Project Field Report for August 11th through August 31, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs) Ella Boyd
(Mrs.) Ella Boyd, Secretary

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8-22-64

August 10, 1964

Miss A. Theresa Whittaker
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Committee
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Whittaker:

Re VEP 4-3

We have received no financial accounting from your project since early in July. As you know, we require weekly financial reporting from the projects and we would appreciate receiving up-to-date financial reporting within the next week.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

September 8, 1964

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Joe L. Tucker

Re: Field Trips to Little Rock, Arkansas, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Nashville, Tennessee

INTRODUCTION

Friday, August 28, WAB called me in conference concerning four or five days of organizational work with Ozell Sutton in Little, Rock, Arkansas, helping him to get some "crash" voter registration programs going. It was decided that I would leave Atlanta by plane early Monday morning stopping in Chattanooga to see Marvin Cousin, talk to him about the voter registration project there, get a clear picture of its organizational methods, and registration drive techniques.

- Leave Chattanooga, stop in Nashville, see Attorney Avon Williams and Mrs. Ella Boyd - see how their project is doing, and offer my services if needed in a problem-solving way.

- Leave Nashville and go into Little Rock, Arkansas, to help Ozell Sutton of the Arkansas Voter Project do organizational work in setting up voter registration programs in the southern area of Arkansas and points north of Little Rock.

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE - TENNESSEE VOTER COUNCIL: Marvin L. Cousin, insurance agent, family man. Two full time office workers. Hard to get volunteer workers, most people in this town said Cousin, expects to be paid, nobody but a few people work as volunteers. The TVC plans to get radio time on the Negro station during the last week in September to urge people to register. The TVC isn't going from door-to-door. This has been done in the past with little results. Hand bills, bumper stickers, etc., have been more effective. A lot of canvassing is done by phone using information and phone numbers gathered from past door-to-door registration campaigns. These numbers are called by the canvassers and these people are urged to get out and vote on election day.

The office is a walk-in, on the corner. The area is on the fringe of the Negro business district. Cousin expresses a wish that the office could be closer down town.

VEP 4-3

They have a motor pool of three cars on stand-by that are used when necessary to transport persons wishing to register to the courthouse.

I visited the courthouse and witnessed the registration of two Negroes and a change of address of a third. The present registrar has been in office about a month. The whereabouts of the other registrar was unknown by Cousin. While in the office, Cousin talked to the registrar and was received courteously. The assistant registrars, or clerks, were very nice, and courteous in handling applicants for registration. The voting requirements are quite simple: Age 21, be able to write your name, answer whether you have been convicted of a felony, have lived in Tennessee one (1) year, and 90 days in this particular county (Hamilton). Also, if a person becomes 21 years of age before an election, he may register to vote before the books close.

Cousin said they had about 50 people a week coming into the registration office a week seeking information on how to register. Cousin said W. C. Patton had money for possibly one more month's rent, and maybe the telephone bill.

The law states that the registrar take the books out into the county ten times a year. Cousin and his workers have circulated petitions to get the registration books in some thickly populated Negro housing areas. They are awaiting a decision which will be made around the 15th of September.

Cousin sometimes solicits the help of his fellow insurance agents in putting out auto bumper stickers and encouraging unregistered persons on their debits to register and vote.

I sat in on plans for an "Intra-Church" campaign with Cousin and Robinson. The plans states for the minister to poll his church and urge the congregation to register and vote. Each voter will get his name on a voter registration honor roll that will be placed in the lobby of each church.

Cousin said they registered about 1,350 people during the June-July drive. They have workers at the courthouse to meet and record the names of people who come in on their own to register.

I met Mr. C. B. Robinson, President of TVC, who is employed as a school principal. He voiced the same feeling as did Cousin about the TVC. Funds are at a minumum, but the TVC received about $700 from COPE. Mr. Robinson has been active in Labor for 20 years.

The whole staff of TVC put out a great registration effort for the primary election August 6, 1964. Right now, they are gathering strength and momentum for a final run of non-registered people to the courthouse by October

3 for the federal election. Mrs. Cato is chairman of the Publicity Committee for TVC. She can be reached at the TVC headquarters. Robinson said the people in Chattanooga were very complacent about voting and participating in voter registration unless they are paid. Robinson said this was mainly due to politicians buying votes and paying people to work in their individual campaigns. The people feel that the TVC should do the same thing, if not, some won't even work or participate in the program.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE: (Avon Williams, contact) - Avon Williams was busy, but gave me an audience for enough time to discuss the voter registration project. The other contact, Mrs. Ella Boyd, was out of town.

They have two paid workers, a secretary , and a worker at the courthouse who both receive $37.50 per week. The worker at the courthouse is stationed outside the registrar's office that is so situated in the courthouse where many people both Negro and white, pass its doors daily. This worker stops as many Negroes as possible and takes them a few steps into the office to be registered. Williams states that this has brought very good results. He feels that better results have come from this effort rather than the door-to-door canvass type registration drive. This idea was put into practice due to a lack of sufficient funds and volunteer personnel to promote registration in the area.

Williams showed me a compilation of voting data and figures of which he will send VEP copies. Williams said they were just about to the end of their budget and he is thinking about submitting a request for supplemental funds.

He asked me to send him some VEP forms - progress, and financial voucher forms. (Done by phone from Little Rock 9/2/64. - Note; forms sent same day of request. js)

Williams feels that there is prevalent among the people, a condition of antipathy that prevents them from becoming registered and casting a vote. I ended my discussion with Williams by suggesting ways of getting more people registered and increasing his volunteer work force.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS - ARKANSAS VOTER PROJECT (Ozell Sutton, Director):

Tuesday: Arrived in Little Rock, was met by Ozell Sutton, and he introduced me to his staff of one paid worker - his secretary, and a volunteer worker. He took me to the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, and I renewed my acquaintance with Nat Griswold. Sutton gave me an introductory talk as to what the AVP is doing, what it has done, and what it plans to do by October 3, 1964. I reviewed some of the literature put

out by AVP, then plunged into the voter registration work that was to be done. The main function of AVP is to furnish impetus for people to pay their poll tax which is all there is necessary to vote in Arkansas. This impetus is furnished under the direction of Ozell Sutton by putting poll tax blanks in anyone's hand who will go out and solicit people to pay their poll tax. Booths are set up at some of the larger grocery stores with a large Negro customer ratiop barber shops, beauty shops, to solicit people to pay poll tax. Mr. Sutton has to do a lot of running around to collect this money from people who sold the poll taxes, and to get others organized. In between these errands, Sutton is constantly asking or reminding people to pay their poll tax. I went on the afternoon run to check the booths, collect money, put out more circulars and billboards (see attached examples), and replenish poll tax blanks to the various people working. Ozell Sutton is busy in other area organizing and setting up meetings to increase voter registration.

Wednesday: I met a Mr. M. J. Caruth, Box 2372, of Little Rock, who stated that WAB promised to send him a copy of the film, "Right Now!" I did some office work making up packets of placards and handbills to be distributed by a volunteer to different business establishments. I accompanied a volunteer on a voter registration distribution run to deliver said packets. We delivered poll tax blanks, posters, and handbills to vari us business establishments in Little Rock. I helped Ozell Sutton complete plans for the organization of projects in Hope and Texarkana, Arkansas. We left Little Rock early in the morning to make the trip into the previously stated towns. I went to deliver some volunteers at two shopping centers where they will be soliciting poll taxes this afternoon. We visited areas which had the most thickly populated Negro areas in this part of Arkansas. The AVP's programs consist of four divisions 1) churches, 2) PTA, 3) booths, 4) Poll tax marches. Another technique is drop-stations. That is, they leave a poll tax book in any extablishment that will promote the "Pay Your Poll Tax-Vote" program.

Thursday: We left Little Rock early and went to Hope, Arkansas. We met with seven leaders of the community in Hope, Arkansas, and got the program organized and explained to the leaders what was expected of them, what financial heop the AVP could give them, and discussed ways in which to stimulate the purchasing of poll taxes in this general area. The seven people at the meeting represented churches, schools, the Negro political leadership in the community, and a county farm agent who gave to the group many valuable contact names.

We went on to Texarkana, Ark., to contact Negro leaders there to see if we could organize a voter registration program there. We contacted the leaders in the community and luckily, they had planned for the evenigg a meeting to discuss a voter registration drive. We stayed over in Texarkana to attend this meeting. Both Ozell Sutton and I spoke on the program. The people enjoyed hearing what we had to say, and chose a

chairman to head their "Voter Registration-Pay Your Poll Tax" drive. In Hope and Texarkana, there was unorganized, sporatic attempts to urge people to pay their poll tax and vote. The AVP is all over the state organizing these attempts, and an increase of registered voters is beginning to show up on the registrar's books. (Note: The AVP is well aware of the fact that a payment of poll tax is not necessary for state and local elections. In order to avoid confusion and misunderstanding, the AVP is urging people to pay the poll tax so they can vote in all elections. They even have to pay a poll tax in order to vote it out of existence.)

The AVP plans to organize voter registration drives all over the state and they are very close to realizing that goal.

Friday: I did some work with publicity registration material in the office, met Mrs. Daisy Bates, discussed voter registration with her, and helped some volunteers get their material ready for distribution in their assigned areas.

The AVP seemingly is a well-organized project. The most glaring weakness I found to exist is the need of someone of a responsible nature and know-how, to assist the project director. My short period of assistance to him seemingly was very helpful. I feel assured we may expect very good results from the AVP, especially under the qualified, dedicated leadership of Ozell Sutton.

As a result of our efforts during the week, an estimated 1,000 persons paid their poll tax and are now eligible to vote.

JLT:js

Attachment

September 8, 1964

Atty. Avon Williams
4th and Charlotte Streets
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am back in the office after many miles of interesting travel. Thank you for the enlightening conversation we had about the MTVRP. I think you and the other leaders are doing a commendable job.

I hope you have received all the material you requested from my office. If not, it will be sent quickly upon a word from you.

Please convey to Mrs. Boyd my regards and disappointment in not meeting her. She too may call upon me for help when necessary.

I was impressed by the organization and dedication that was exhibited by you and I suspect is prevalent throughout the MTVRP. You may rest assured, the Atlanta VEP appreciates your efforts in a great drive that may possibly change the course of our nation's history.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Tucker
Field Representative

JT:bs

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September 23, 1964

Mr. Avon N. Williams, Jr., Chairman
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration
Committee
Charlotte at Fourth Street
Nashville, Tennessee

RE: VEP 4-3

Dear Avon:

This will confirm our telephone conversation this morning in which you requested a supplemental grant in the amount of $500 to continue your voter registration program until October 3.

I am enclosing our check in the amount of $500, representing payment of the supplemental grant which we have approved today, and it is my understanding that you are sending a written request for our files to confirm your oral request.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $500 check
Newspaper clipping
cc: Mrs. Ella Boyd

JC
Return to WBB
JM

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW
McCLELLAN-LOOBY BUILDING
CHARLOTTE AT FOURTH
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
ALPINE 5-8457-8

Z. ALEXANDER LOOBY
AVON N. WILLIAMS, JR.

23 September 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

Enclosed is a list of expenditures for the Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project to and including today and showing a balance of only $5.95 after deduction of obligations to date. This situation slipped up on me since we have been going such great guns that I hadn't noticed the financial situation.

I estimate that we need the following in order to complete the present phase to the closing of registration offices at the end of next week:

Secretary's Salary to 10/2/64:	$ 56.00
Courthouse Worker's Salary to 10/2/64:	52.50
Office Rent, week of 9/28/64:	30.00
Other Workers' Salary (10 workers @ $5.00 per day):	350.00
Total	$488.50

It is urgently requested that we be given an additional grant in amount of $500.00 to complete this phase of the campaign. We need these funds before the end of this week if we are to keep going.

JM

You may be interested to learn that our accumulative total of documented registrations since March, 1964 has reached the total of 3,600 and for the past few days we have been averaging better than 60 registrations per day at the Courthouse alone. We certainly hope you will give us the opportunity to top 4,000 as we certainly will by the end of next week if the additional

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grant is forthcoming.

With kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Avon N. Williams, Jr.

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Encl: 1

cc: Dr. Edwin Mitchell
Mrs. Ella Boyd

SUMMARY REPORT OF EXPENDITURES

by the

Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project

(Covering the period from May 18,1964-September 23,1964)

Salaries:		
Courthouse Workers		$ 455.75
Registration Worker(McKissack School)		8.00
Bus Shelter Worker		33.75
Director-Secy. & Secretary		898.50
Rent (incl. util. & machines)		510.00
Travel		5.00
Telephone & Telegraph		61.02
Supplies		5.27
Other:		
Citizens Sav. Bank & Tr. Co.-Service charge on checking account		1.10
Total		$1,978.39
Brt. fwd. from May 16, 1964	$ 11.18	
Amount of Additional Grant	2,000.00	
Telephone Co.(Refund)	19.66	
	$2,030.84	
Balance		52.45 *
		$2,030.84

*Obligations for week 9/21/64 due but not paid:

Secretary Salary-3 days @ $8.00 per day	$ 24.00
Courthouse Worker's Sal." 7.50 per day	22.50
Total Outstanding obligations	$ 46.50
Net Balance as of 9/23/64	$ 5.95

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37208

October 4, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

OCT 5 1964

Dear Mr. Branton:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me this vote of confidence to continue with the Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project now completed.

I have enjoyed working with the capable assistance and help of Attorney Avon N. Williams, Jr., and Dr. E. H. Mitchell. These two gentlemen have been a tremendous help in assisting me during this registration drive. I feel that without their assistance I could not have done the job.

A special thanks also goes to Mrs. Louise Crawford, our courthouse worker who worked tirelessly. She, alone, in the short time she worked for us registered 1,227 Negro registrants. On Saturday, October 3, 1964, the last day for registering, we worked from 8:00 A. M., until 6:20 P.M., and got the names of all Negroes that stood on line to get registered. On this day alone, she registered 230 and I registered 80. We both enjoyed it.

Under separate cover I am sending the final reports of the project.

Again may I say thank and my best wishes for continued success in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ella Boyd

(Mrs.) Ella Boyd, Secretary

cc. Attorney Avon N. Williams, Jr.
Dr. E. H. Mitchell

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AVON N. WILLIAMS, JR.

30 November 1964

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Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

Please pardon the delay in forwarding the report requested in your letter of 27 October 1964.

We are enclosing the report along with check in sum of $276.59 for the unused portion of the grant. Final supporting financial vouchers are being forwarded by the Project Secretary, Mrs. Ella Boyd.

As you know from previous reports we were successful in registering on a documented basis nearly 5,000 voters in Davidson County in connection with your three grants beginning March, 1964. It is estimated that we have increased the total registration in this County to approximately 24,000. Over 20,000 Negroes voted in the recent Presidential Election. We still have a long way to go however with a total adult Negro population of over 44,000. Therefore, we would be very interested in your making a new grant to us at the earliest possible date in the event V. E. P. should be continued.

I have not forgotten the statistical data regarding registration across the State which you requested by phone. We are still in process of compiling this data

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and it will be forwarded to you when completed.

With kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Avon N. Williams, Jr.

ANW/ib

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Edwin Mitchell
Mrs. Ella Boyd, Project Chmn.
Mrs. C. E. McGruder, President
Nashville Branch NAACP

SUMMARY REPORT OF EXPENDITURES

by the

MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

(Covering period from September 23, 1964 to November 30, 1964)

Brought forward from 9/23/64		$ 52.45
R E C E I P T S		
Additional Grant-Voter Education Project(9/24/64)		500.00
Grand Total Receipts		$ 552.45
E X P E N S E S		
Salaries:		
Courthouse Worker	$ 82.50	
Director-Secy. & Secy.	163.00	
Rent(incl. util. & machines). . . .	30.00	
Citizens Sav. Bk.&Tr. Co.- (Service chg. on checking acct.) .	.36	
Total Expenses		275.86
Balance		$ 276.59
12/2/64-Voter Education Project(refund of unused portion of grant).		$ 276.59

Mrs. Ella Boyd, Director-Secretary,
Dr. E. H. Mitchell, Chairman,
Atty. Avon N. Williams, Jr., Treasurer.

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW
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CHARLOTTE AT FOURTH
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Rec'd 11/2/64

31 October 1964

Mrs. Ella Boyd, Secretary
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration P
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Re: V. E. P. 4-3

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

We have received a letter from Mr. Branton requesting a final financial report, together with a refund of any unused portion of the grant.

It would be appreciated if you would prepare this report for us immediately, including a final stipend for the secretarial time involved in doing so.

With kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

Avon N. Williams, Jr.

ANW/ib

cc: Dr. Edwin Mitchell
Mr. Wiley A. Branton

Rec'd 12/4/64

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October 27, 1964

Mr. Avon N. Williams, Jr.
Treasurer
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration
Committee
327 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville 3, Tennessee

RE: VEP 4-3

Dear Avon:

Now that your registration program has ended, we will need a final financial report, together with a refund of any unused portion of the grant so that we can close your account.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

Another letter written by JL 11/24/64

November 24, 1964

Mr. Avon N. Williams, Jr.
Treasurer
Middle Tenn. Voter Regis. Comm.
327 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Avon:

I must have the final financial report I requested in my letter of October 27, along with a check for any unused portion of your grant. As you know, the Voter Education Project is in its terminal phase and we must close the books on your account.

Sincerely,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

FINANCIAL COPY

October 27, 1964

Mr. Avon N. Williams, Jr.
Treasurer
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration
Committee
327 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville 3, Tennessee

RE: VEP 4-3

Dear Avon:

Now that your registration program has ended, we will need a final financial report, together with a refund of any unused portion of the grant so that we can close your account.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

WB

M E M O R A N D U M December 7, 1964

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 4-3
(Middle Tenn. VRP)

Grant:		$4,500.00
Disbursements:		
Adv. Print. &Prom.	$ 229.50	
Office Rent	750.00	
Office Supplies	43.72	
Postage	20.00	
Salaries	2984.95	
Tel. & Tel.	113.70	
Trav. & Trans.	30.00	
Bank Charges	.30	
Check Printing	32.24	
Refund to VEP	276.59	
Total	$4481.00	4,481.00
Balance*		19.00

Deposited to VEP acct.

*Held in anticipation of final bills.

PROPOSAL FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AND RESEARCH PROJECT GRANT

I

Background

In May, 1962, with the aid of a $3,000.00 grant from the Voter Education Project, the Davidson County Independent Political Council and the Nashville Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People initiated jointly a voter research and registration project in four Middle Tennessee counties: Davidson, Maury, Giles and Williamson. The two sponsoring organizations being somewhat divergent in scope of organizational purpose and techniques of action, a separate structure known as the Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project was created as an independent body to administer the project. This project also had the benefit of resources and professional assistance and direction through the Department of Economics and Business at Fisk University. The project was to cover a period of four months.

Four basic objectives, as stated in the final project report submitted to the Southern Regional Council in December, 1962, were as follows:

> "A. To enlarge upon the status of voter education and the general climate of citizenship responsibility among Negroes with regard to participation in the democratic process through the intelligent use of the ballot.
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> This objective is pursued through various

techniques of voter education, including neighborhood meetings, church meetings, distribution of printed materials and literature, speakers in churches and before groups, radio broadcasts, and through the involvement of people in the actual process of voter registration and voting.

B. To inquire into the status of voter registration and voting by Negroes and trends in voter registration and behavior.

This objective was pursued through bus stops, house-to-house and telephone contacts to discover unregistered voters and through a limited research inquiry into selected areas of two counties.

C. To determine negative and positive factors influencing voter registration and voting, including techniques involved in sucessfully motivating and getting Negroes to register and vote; the role of ward politics and the role of "bloc voting" in local and state politics as a motivating force; the impact of issues upon voter participation and the impact of Negro candidates upon voter registration and voting; and the role of citizenship education in political participation.

This objective was pursued primarily through household interviews in selected areas, through the involvement of people in the actual process of voter registration and voting in response to meetings, Negro candidates for political office and specific efforts by ward workers, and citizen groups to get people registered to vote in the interest of Negro candidates for political office.

D. To achieve as a product of the voter education project 4,000 new registrations among Negroes in Davidson County, No specific goal was set in the other three counties."

As shown by its final report, the 1962 project met with significant, although far from complete, success with regard

to all of its stated objectives. For instance, the happy coincidence of a competent and respected Negro lawyer running for the office of State Supreme Court Justice in the August, 1962 election afforded an unusual opportunity for evaluating the impact of such a phenomenon upon both Negro and white political attitudes and awareness while at the same time, providing valuable research information on the effectiveness of various voter registration and education techniques employed by Negroes on an organized and sustained basis probably for the first time in modern history in this particular area. Similarly, the addition of 2,990 Negroes to the registration books between May 1 and October 6, 1962 in Davidson County, with 1,678 of this number documented as the direct result of project work and the remainder probably attributable indirectly to project influence and educational activities demonstrates some success in the area of Negro voter education and establishing new registrations among Negroes in Davidson County, although the goal of 4,000 was not quite reached. Finally, the 1962 project was particularly useful in determining certain negative and positive factors influencing voter registration and voting and pinpointing the strengths and weaknesses of some of the techniques used in voter education and registration. Some negative factors in-

cluded: closure of registration books for extended periods; inability of the Project Director to devote proper time to the work during the initial phase; over-emphasis on organization of a voter registration campaign around the churches and lack of wide church support for the project; failure of the project to develop an adequate system of transportation; and failure of the project to make adequate use of press and radio to give more publicity to the project. Positive factors and techniques included: the development and distribution of effective voter education literature, not only in Davidson but also in the other three counties involved; the limited use of churches for distribution of literature and holding of meetings and rallies; the sustained exploitation of courthouse traffic to achieve documented and undocumented registration of large numbers of Negroes; the employment of students for house-to-house and telephone contacts and bus shelter contacts; and a ward research project conducted in a boss-controlled ward with a high concentration of Negroes of a relatively low socio-economic status. This research project produced some rather valuable data which will be referred to hereinafter.

The 1962 project final report discloses the rather startling information that Davidson County Negroes comprise 19.1 % of the total County population, 18.6% of the adult population eligible to register, but only 10.9% of those

actually registered, and this latter figure includes the 2,990 project additions. Davidson has the second largest adult Negro population in the state with 45,122 as compared to 119,030 for Shelby County(where Memphis is located). Yet only 33.6% of Davidson Couny's Negro adult population are registered as opposed to an estimated 64% of the Shelby County Negro adult population. This 33.6% Negro registration must also be compared with the approximately 75% registration of adult white persons in Davidson County. When one considers that Nashville is the state capital, a cultural center and the situs of at least three major and several minor Negro institutions of higher learning while the majority of the Shelby County Negro population is generally assumed to be of a relatively lower socio-economic class, the foregoing figures and the other findings in the 1962 Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project report seem to indicate at least a basis for further investigation and work in voter registration and education especially in Davidson County.

Of particular interest is the ward research study done in two selected precincts of Nashville which shows that of the 91 unregistered respondent adults in said precincts 60.4% gave as reasons for not being registered that they "just never got around to it" and 26.4% that they"never thought about it." This study, as said before, was conducted

in precincts with a high concentration of Negroes of a low socio-economic status. However, another voter education-registration project was conducted in Nashville from June 23 to August 17, 1963 under the auspices of the National Student Christian Federation and the National Student Y W C A of the Southern Region in another ward also with a high concentration of Negroes but in which upper-lower class families predominated. Of the 356 respondents approached by the students involved in this more recent project, it was reported that 25.56% indicated they are unregistered because they have never gotten around to it and another 19.67% had no reason for being unregistered. The report of this project concluded: "hence apathy remains a major reason for not registering." Since both the Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project report and the report of the project sponsored by the National Student Groups concede the absence of procedural impediments to Negro registration in the Davidson County area(with the exception of inconvenient opening and closing hours in the Registration Office for Negroes, most of whom go to work early and leave work late, and the problem of distance from the County Courthouse where the Registrar's Office is located to most Negro residential districts), this apparent apathy among the Negro population eligible to register and vote in this major urban and culturally enlightened center certainly deserves careful and definitive investigation which should produce data of broad significance in the field of voter education and regis-

tration. Hence the 1962 report not only establishes the need but also points the way to the continuation of this project on a more intensive basis and within a narrower scope but with more far reaching impact.

The former project also suggests the desirability that certain factors or techniques which were revealed, utilized or developed during its course be neutralized, revised or amplified to promote successful achievement of the modified purpose of the continuation of the project as proposed in the plan hereinafter outlined.

II

Outline of Plan

A. Purpose.

To continue the voter research and registration program initiated by the Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project in 1962 but with primary emphasis on voter education, registration and research in Davidson County to determine the causes, methods and techniques of eliminating voter apathy among the non-registered adult population.

1. The Project will be ten months in duration, extending through the 1964 presidential election not for purposes of political activity but for purposes of determining the possible effect on voter registration apathy of:

   (a) the atmosphere of a major national political campaign and

   (b) the sustained organized effort to disclose and systematically attack causes of such apathy over an extended period of time.

2. It is crucial that the project be provided with financial resources adequate to insure continuity of effort, including a competent part-time director with a reasonable monthly stipend, at

least one full-time competent secretary, and sufficient funds to utilize effectively and amplify the advantageous techniques developed during the operation of the former project, including especially continuous field work at the Courthouse, continuous and sustained voter registration and education programs on radio, television, press and other communication facilities, preparation and distribution of voter education and registration literature, intensive house-to-house and bus shelter contacts including close follow-up, significant improvement of transportation plans and facilities, and other advantageous techniques which may be developed during the course of the project.

3. The Project will seek to achieve as a product of the voter education and research effort 15,000 new registrations among Negroes in Davidson County.

4. The cooperative efforts of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Davidson County Independent Political Council, students and church groups will be involved in conducting the project.

5. The affairs of the project will be administered by an independent board known as the Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project, the members of which will be appointed jointly by the Davidson County Independent Political Council and the Nashville Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

B. Although Dr. Vivian Henderson is presently on sabbatical leave as visiting professor at North Carolina State University, he retains his position as Chairman of the Department of Economics and Business at Fisk University and the Project will continue to have the benefit of the resources, professional assistance and direction of competent personnel in this department at Fisk. However, as with the former project, the affairs will be administered by the independent board mentioned above.

III

BUDGET

It is estimated that the ten months program outlined above will require the following funds:

1.	Research, stenographic and clerical assistance	$3,500.00
2.	Field work, including travel and transportation	2,000.00
3.	Office and research supplies	500.00
4.	Office space and upkeep, including telephone service	750.00
5.	Communications and mailing	1,250.00
6.	Printing	1,000.00
	Total	$ 9,000.00

Avon N. Williams, Jr., Chairman.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From 2 March 1964 to 6 March 1964 (incl)

Person reporting (Miss) A. Theressa Whittaker, Director-Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street | Nashville | Davidson | Tennessee
Street Address | City | County | State

Date submitted: 20 March 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee

Ward, Beat, etc. | Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass None

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 170 a. Specify places

Courthouse -- Automobile owners purchasing licenses

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 106

Number successfully registered by this project this week 106

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means None

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate Three (3)

a. Reason for refusing to participate Didn't have time; didn't want to.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 106

Number of workers in the campaign 5 Courthouse Workers; 1 Director

Remarks Initially, this Project is taking advantage of the "traffic" in the Courthouse for reasons other than registering (especially for auto licenses). Publicity and transportation pools will be organized to get more people to the courthouse, which is the only place provided for registering.

MAR 24 1964

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From 9 March 1964 to 13 March 1964 (incl.)

Person reporting (Miss) A. Theressa Whittaker, Director-Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: 20 March 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass None

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 272 a. Specify places

Courthouse

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 227

Number successfully registered by this project this week 227

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means None

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 333

Number of workers in the campaign 2 Courthouse Workers (Full-Time)

Remarks There were fewer people buying auto licenses, but publicity has helped considerably in directing more people to the Courthouse.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From 16 March 1964 to 20 March 1964

Person reporting (Miss) A. Theressa Whittaker, Director-Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street — Nashville — Davidson — Tennessee

Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: 23 March 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee

Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass None

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 123 a. Specify places

Courthouse

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 103

Number successfully registered by this project this week 97

Number denied registration in this project this week 6

a. Reason for denial Registration Office was closed -- i.e., officials were not accepting applications for registration because of a local election.

Number contacted by other means None

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 430

Number of workers in the campaign 2 Full-Time Workers at Courthouse

Remarks The Registration Office "closed" around 1:00 p.m. on Wed., March 18, because of the primary on Thursday, March 19. It reopened on Monday, March 23.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From 23 March 1964 to 27 March 1964 (incl.)

Person reporting A. Theressa Whittaker, Director-Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: 27 March 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan Nashville -- Nashville and Davidson County

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass None

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 225 a. Specify places

Courthouse and Bus Shelters

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 151

Number successfully registered by this project this week 151

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 18

a. Specify means Personal appeal made to group on college campus.

Number refusing to participate 4

a. Reason for refusing to participate Preferred going later.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 581

Number of workers in the campaign 2 Full-time Workers; 12 Girl Scouts

Remarks Our drive was surprisingly slow, despite the fact that publicity is going well and areas of contact have been increased. The number of workers will be increased and door-to-door contact must begin.

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BW ✓
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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From March 29, 1964 to April 4, 1964

Person reporting (Miss) A. Theressa Whittaker, Director-Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: April 6, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass None

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 210 a. Specify places Courthouse

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 225

Number successfully registered by this project this week 225

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 39

a. Specify means Telephone

Number refusing to participate 8

a. Reason for refusing to participate "Just not interested" or "Just don't have time to go"

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 806

Number of workers in the campaign 2 full-time at Courthouse; several volunteers for publicity and transportation.

Remarks

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From April 5, 1964 to April 11, 1964

Person reporting (Miss) A. Theressa Whittaker, Director-Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street | Nashville | Davidson | Tennessee
Street Address | City | County | State

Date submitted: April 10, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. | Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass None

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 127 a. Specify places Courthouse

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 110

Number successfully registered by this project this week 110

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 135 +

a. Specify means Telephoning previously secured list of non-registered citizens

Number refusing to participate 80

a. Reason for refusing to participate "Can't go just yet"; "Will have to think about it"; "Perhaps later" (Although several agreed to participate and requested transportation, many "forgot" or were unavailable when cars arrived.)

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 916

Number of workers in the campaign 10

Remarks Approximately 6,000 REGISTER NOW leaflets were distributed among churches and the remaining 4,000 to businesses, in selected housing projects and in schools. This publicity is expected to have a greater effect on encouraging voter registration. A significant number of people have called as a result of this. Despite the fact that this is the 6th week of our "six-weeks drive", it would be to our advantage to continue for several weeks, in order to determine the effect of recent publicity attempts.

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FREE BUS RIDE

to Register to Vote

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED
TO and FROM the Courthouse

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JOHN HENRY HALE PROJECT AREA
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1964

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PRESTON TAYLOR PROJECT AREA
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1964

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BOARD IN FRONT OF YOUR MANAGER'S OFFICE
12:30 P.M

•

Join Your Neighbors

Register Now!

Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project

1308 JEFFERSON STREET 256-2225

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From April 12,1964 to April 18, 1964

Person reporting (Miss) A. Theressa Whittaker, Director-Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: April 24, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass None

Number instructed at home 40 (approximately) -- by telephone

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 73 a. Specify places Courthouse

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 66

Number successfully registered by this project this week 66

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means Indeterminable number (More than 1,500)

a. Specify means Distribution of REGISTER NOW publication; radio spot announcements

Number refusing to participate 16

a. Reason for refusing to participate "Not ready yet"; "Unable to go because of illness"

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 982

Number of workers in the campaign 9

Remarks The experiment with the REGISTER NOW publication seems to have had a good effect on the public; many who were contacted on the telephone had received the publication and had already gone or had made plans for going to register; some others called as a result of having read about transportation.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From April 19, 1964 to April 25, 1964

Person reporting Miss A. Theressa Whittaker

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: May 9, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan-Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass None

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 54 a. Specify places Courthouse

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 51

Number successfully registered by this project this week 51

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means None

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1033

Number of workers in the campaign 3

Remarks

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From April 26, 1964 to May 2, 1964

Person reporting Miss A. Theressa Whittaker, Director Secretary

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: May 9, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass None

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 36 a. Specify places Courthouse

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 36

Number successfully registered by this project this week 36

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means Indeterminable

a. Specify means Publication (playing on crisis situation)

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1069

Number of workers in the campaign 5

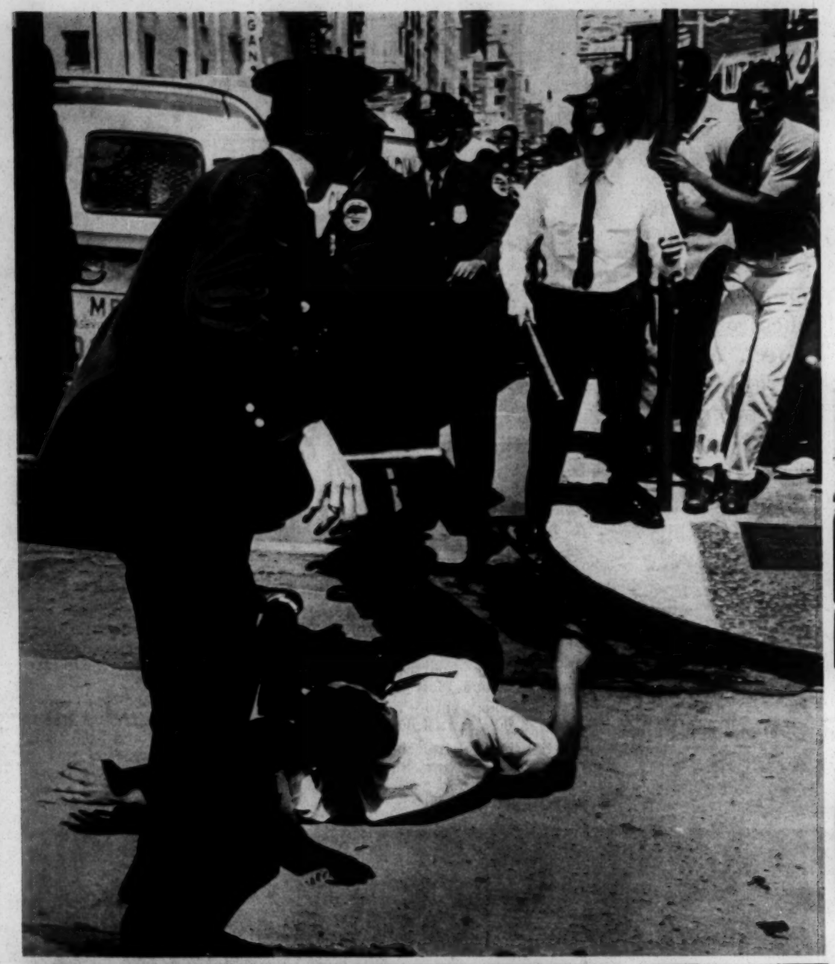
Remarks Demonstrations erupted during the week; joint release by NAACP, DCIPC and MTVRP pointed up the need for increased registration. (See enclosed copy). Registration decreased during this week because of demonstrations.

Special Bulletin Issued By N.A.A.C.P. and Davidson County Independent Political Council

Wipe Out Police Brutality

Mississippi . . Birmingham?? . . NO! NASHVILLE, 1964

30,000 Non-Registered Negro Voters Contributed to this . . .



The dastardly attacks by police officers of Metropolitan Nashville on students who demonstrate for civil rights is one of the most flagrant misuses of authority this community has witnessed. The wielding of billy clubs by alleged law enforcement officers who bloodied the heads and broke the bones of citizens seeking to show their impatience with racial discrimination and segregation cannot be tolerated in a society which calls itself civilized.

Today, in 1964, Negroes and their children still feel the cowardly blows of bigots. This brutal attack by police officers upon defenseless youngsters points up the urgency of our insisting upon the immediate passage of a strong Civil Rights Bill by the United States Congress. Every Negro citizen should write letters **now** to the two Tennessee Senators, Albert Gore and Herbert Walters, United States Senate, Washington 25, D. C., demanding that they vote for the Civil Rights Bill now pending.

The entire community should be shocked and ashamed of the inhuman treatment inflicted this week on students peacefully protesting racially discriminatory practices in Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County.

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Nashville can become a Birmingham with its unpunished murders of Negro children, or the equivalent of a "police state" in which unbridled bigots wearing the uniforms of police officers decide who has the right to be free—unless we ACT NOW!

Police brutality will end IF masses of Negroes pour into the Election Commission Office at the Davidson County Courthouse and REGISTER TO VOTE. Only one-third (15,000) of the 45,000 adult Negroes in Davidson County are now registered to vote. FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND REGISTERED AND VOTING NEGRO CITIZENS OF DAVIDSON COUNTY COULD REQUIRE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AND OTHERS IN THE POWER STRUCTURE TO REMOVE THE CANCER OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION WHICH BLIGHTS OUR COMMUNITY.

It is the responsibility of **every person** — child and adult, follower and leader, student and teacher, layman and minister—to support the orderly and peaceable protests of our people. The right to full participation in this and every American community is ours: we live here; we contribute to the existence of this community; we fight for the right of every human being to enjoy the fruits of a free society.

For more than a hundred years bigots and race haters have worked to continue Negro slavery in the form of Negro segregation. Minorities have been restricted from participation in American democracy—except when soldiers were needed to die for their country or when taxes were needed to pay the bills. Though our sweat and blood has drenched both native and foreign soil in the cause of our Country and alleged human freedom, Negroes are still seeking the freedoms of this Nation enjoyed by other citizens—and indeed by foreign white visitors—as a matter of course.

IT IS NOT RIGHT THAT ONE AMERICAN CITIZEN BE REQUIRED TO **WAIT** FOR FREEDOMS UNRESTRICTEDLY ENJOYED BY OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS **NOW.** NOR IS IT RIGHT THAT POLICE BRUTALITY BE INFLICTED UPON THOSE SEEKING TO DEMAND THOSE FREEDOMS BY PEACEFUL PROTEST AND EXPRESSION.

The Nashville Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Davidson County Independent Political Council join in calling upon the Mayor and other Officials of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to conduct immediately a full and fair investigation, to remove those officers shown to have had any part—either directly or indirectly—in such police brutality, and to protect those citizens who seek peaceably to voice their protest over the denials of basic human freedom in this community.

EVERY NEGRO should take part in the FIGHT FOR FREEDOM by becoming a member, or renewing his or her membership, in the NAACP **now.**

EVERY NEGRO must join the FIGHT FOR FREEDOM by joining the line in the Election Commission Office at the Davidson County Courthouse TODAY and becoming REGISTERED TO VOTE for officials in local, state, and federal elections. The **Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project,** a nonpartisan voter registration campaign effort sponsored jointly by the Nashville Branch NAACP and the Davidson County Independent Political Council, is ready and willing to assist in every way.

WILL YOU DO YOUR PART TO INSURE THAT OUR CHILDREN HAVE NOT SUFFERED THESE BRUTAL BEATINGS IN VAIN?

HOW TO REGISTER

It is easy to register. You can do it in less than three (3) minutes.

Place: County Courthouse (Ground Floor)
Time: Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

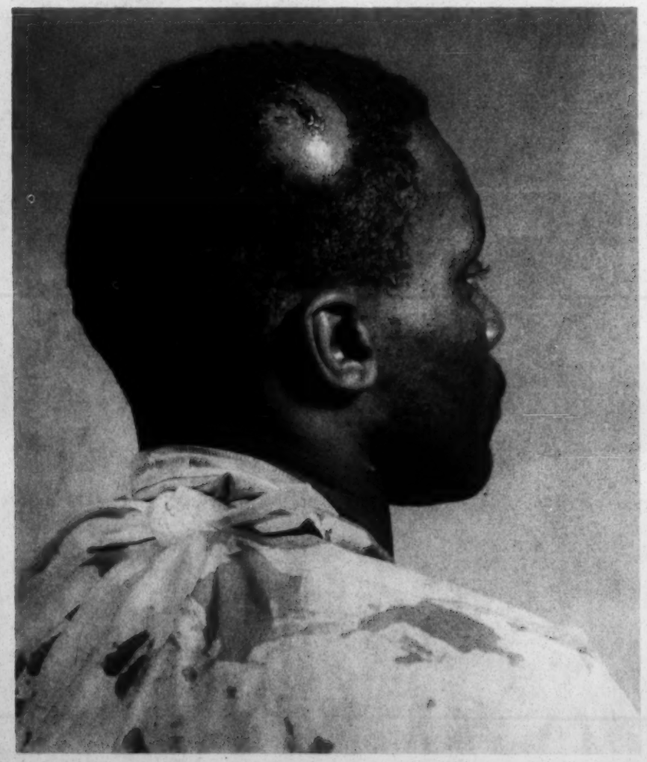
Just tell the registrar that you want to register to vote. She will fill out your card for you. After you sign it, you're finished.

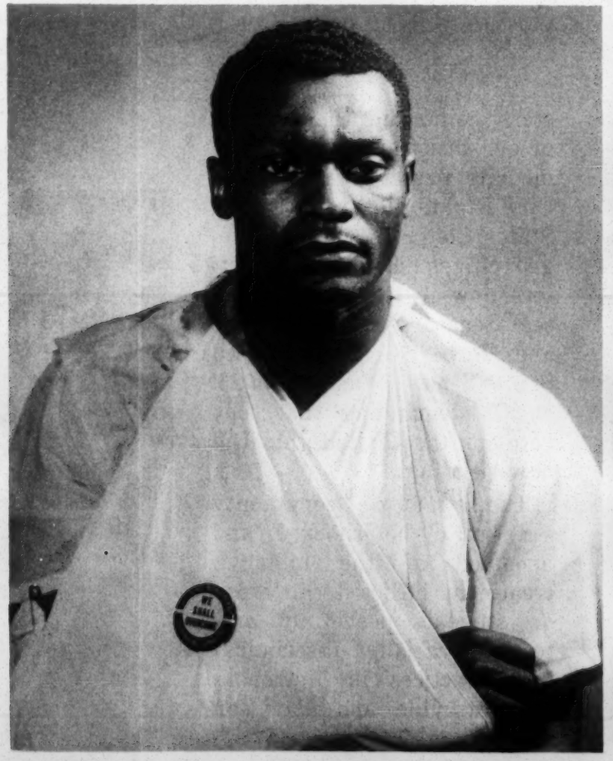
TRANSPORTATION

Car pools are being formed to accommodate you with transportation to the Courthouse and back home—if you need someone to take you.

Contact the MTVR Project Office at 1308 Jefferson Street, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Phone: 256-2225.





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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From May 3, 1964 **to** May 9, 1964

Person reporting A. Theressa Whittaker, Director-Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	**City**	**County**	**State**

Date submitted: 16 May 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. **Precinct, election district, etc.**

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass None

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 58 **a. Specify places** Courthouse

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 49

Number successfully registered by this project this week 49

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means Indeterminable

a. Specify means Mass meetings or public rallies (Explanation below)

Number refusing to participate 4

a. Reason for refusing to participate "Registering won't do any good"; "Have to think about it"

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1118

Number of workers in the campaign 3

Remarks Tension increased in the city; downtown traffic decreased significantly; people were contacted primarily in mass meetings, which were called several times during the week. "Register to vote" handbills and other literature were distributed, announcements emphasizing voter registration were made, and a number of community leaders joined in making speeches focusing attention on non-registered voters.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From May 10, 1964 **to** May 16, 1964

Person reporting A. Theressa Whittaker, Director-Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street — Nashville — Davidson — Tennessee

Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: May 16, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. **Precinct, election district, etc.**

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass None

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 90 **a. Specify places** Courthouse

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 85

Number successfully registered by this project this week 85

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 2

a. Reason for refusing to participate "Perhaps later"; "Haven't time"

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1203

Number of workers in the campaign 3

Remarks The marked increase in the number successfully registered this week (over the previous three weeks) indicates the willingness of apathetic people to respond to direct appeal. Showing the relation of the problems of this city to the unregistered population, we are able to reach a number of potential voters.

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project

Period covered by this report: From May 18 to May 22, 1964

Person reporting (Miss) A. Theressa Whittaker

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: June 4, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass None

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 76 a. Specify places Courthouse

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 73

Number successfully registered by this project this week 73

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 29

a. Specify means Telephone

Number refusing to participate 3

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1276

Number of workers in the campaign 4

Remarks

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project

Period covered by this report: From May 25 to May 29, 1964

Person reporting (Miss) A. Theressa Whittaker

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: June 4, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 174

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 78 a. Specify places Courthouse

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 72

Number successfully registered by this project this week 72

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 9

a. Specify means Telephone

Number refusing to participate 1

a. Reason for refusing to participate "Not interested in voting."

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1348

Number of workers in the campaign 11

Remarks

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From June 1 to June 5, 1964

Person reporting A. Theressa Whittaker, Director-Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: June 20, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 219

Number instructed at home 35

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 165 a. Specify places

Courthouse and Telephone

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 108

Number successfully registered by this project this week 108

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 28

a. Reason for refusing to participate "Not interested"; "Voting unimportant"; "Too ill"; "Too nervous to be bothered"

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1456

Number of workers in the campaign 23

Remarks

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From June 8 to June 12, 1964

Person reporting A. Theressa Whittaker, Director-Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: June 20, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 171

Number instructed at home 51

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 115 a. Specify places Courthouse

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 108

Number successfully registered by this project this week 108

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 48

a. Specify means Telephone

Number refusing to participate 40

a. Reason for refusing to participate Usual reasons: "Not interested in voting"

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1564

Number of workers in the campaign 19

Remarks Announcements released on Friday, June 12, re: additional voter registration centers, located at eleven different places other than the courthouse. Mayor declared week of June 15-19, Metro Voter Registration Week; coalition of various organizations, including Labor Council, MTVRP, NAACP, and various political groups, accomplished this.

June 16, 1964

Miss A. Theressa Whittaker
Middle Tennessee Voter Registration
Project
1308 Jefferson Street
Nashville 8, Tennessee

RE: VEP 4-3

Dear Miss Whittaker:

Our records reveal that we have received no reports from you since May 29, and we would appreciate it if you would send us a current report so that we may bring our files up-to-date.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

Rec'd 6-29-64

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From June 15 to June 19, 1964

Person reporting A. Theressa Whittaker, Director-Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: June 20, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 273

Number instructed at home 104

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 378 a. Specify places

Courthouse and selected "mobile" registration locations

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 366

Number successfully registered by this project this week 366

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 244

a. Specify means Telephone

Number refusing to participate 71

a. Reason for refusing to participate Illness; disinterested

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1930

Number of workers in the campaign 49

Remarks Additional registration locations which remained open until 8:00 p.m. were of tremendous help. Canvassing was done in very selective areas -- areas that have high concentration of unregistered people.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From June 22 to June 26, 1964

Person reporting A. Theressa Whittaker, Director-Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: June 27, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 159

Number instructed at home 31

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 129 a. Specify places Courthouse

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 122

Number successfully registered by this project this week 122

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 113

a. Specify means Telephone

Number refusing to participate 78

a. Reason for refusing to participate Don't understand the issues; not interested in voting; haven't time to get involved; disabled.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 2052

Number of workers in the campaign 74

Remarks

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From June 29. to June 30, 1964

Person reporting Mrs. Ella Boyd

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: August 14, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 30

Number instructed at home 23

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 67 a. Specify places Courthouse On the street

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 61

Number successfully registered by this project this week 61

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial None

Number contacted by other means 87

a. Specify means On the streets and by telephone

Number refusing to participate 22

a. Reason for refusing to participate "I'm sick, I ain't votin" "Not interested" "It won't change things"

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 2113

Number of workers in the campaign 5

Remarks I think that the best way is to intensify the house-to-house campaigning. Telephoning doesn't do the job properly.

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From July 1, 1964 to July 7, 1964

Person reporting Mrs. Ella Boyd, Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: August 17, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 141

Number instructed at home 91

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places None a. Specify places None

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 312

Number successfully registered by this project this week 312

Number denied registration in this project this week 4

a. Reason for denial Residency in question. Moved from another city, but didn't have years residency.

Number contacted by other means 176

a. Specify means Telephone and walking up to people on the streets.

Number refusing to participate 40

a. Reason for refusing to participate "Not interested" "Who cares who is elected?""I don't have time." "Too much trouble." "I don't believe in votin"

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 2425

Number of workers in the campaign 5

Remarks

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From August 11 to August 14, 1964

Person reporting Mrs. Ella Boyd

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: August 30, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan-Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass —

Number instructed at home —

Number instructed at clinics 0

Number instructed other places 48 a. Specify places

Over the telephone, in stores, on the streets

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 128

Number successfully registered by this project this week 128

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial None

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 10

a. Reason for refusing to participate "Don't care who is elected"

"Just not interested in registrering." "I've never voted in my life and I don't care to now"

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 2553

Number of workers in the campaign 5

Remarks The courthouse worker is doing a tremendous job. She contacts everyone who passes through the courthouse and asks them to register.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project — Organization
Mrs. Ella Boyd — Person reporting

1308 Jefferson St — Street Address
Nashville — City
Davidson — County
Tennessee — State

Period covered by this report:
From July 1 to July 7

Date submitted: Aug 17, 1964

Election District to which this report applies: _____ _____ Ward, Beat, etc. _____ Precinct, election district, etc.

Day of the month:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
No.* contacted by door-to-door canvass	25	38				30	48																							
No.* contacted by other means (specify means) ON THE STREET PHONE	40	31				55	60																							
No.* refusing to participate	15	8				10	18																							
No.* instructed at home	22	15				21	33																							
No.* instructed at other places (specify places)																														
No.* applying for registration as a result of this program	43	41				105	123																							
No.* successfully registered by this project																														
No.* denied registration																														
	2156	2197				230	2425																							

Courthouse closed for 4th Holiday

Project ended until after Primary Election Aug 6th
Resuming again on Aug 11th

*Persons of voting age

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From August 17 to August 21, 1964

Person reporting Mrs. Ella Boyd, Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: Sept. 4, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan-Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 106

Number instructed at home 57

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 80 a. Specify places Courthouse

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 142

Number successfully registered by this project this week 142

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 89

a. Specify means Telephone

Number refusing to participate 16

a. Reason for refusing to participate Same old tired reasons.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 2695

Number of workers in the campaign 5

Remarks

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project — Organization
Ella Boyd — Person reporting

1308 Jefferson St — Street Address
Nashville — City
Davidson — County
Tennessee — State

Period covered by this report: From July 1 to July 7

Date submitted: Aug 26, 1964

Election District to which this report applies: _____ Ward, Beat, etc. _____ Precinct, election district, etc.

Day of the month:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
No.* contacted by door-to-door canvass	25	38	Counted in household on second Holiday		30	48																								
No.* contacted by other means (specify means)	40	31			55	60																								
No.* refusing to participate	15	8			10	18																								
No.* instructed at home	22	15			21	33																								
No.* instructed at other places (specify places)																														
No.* applying for registration as a result of this program	43	41			105	123																								
No.* successfully registered by this project																														
No.* denied registration																														
	2156	2197			2302	2425																								

Project suspended until after Primary Election, Aug 6, 1964
Resuming again Aug 11th

*Persons of voting age

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From August 24, 1964 to August 31, 1964

Person reporting Mrs. Ella Boyd, Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: Sept. 11, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan-Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 130

Number instructed at home 55

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 17 a. Specify places Buses on the street

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 226

Number successfully registered by this project this week 226

Number denied registration in this project this week 4

a. Reason for denial When they stated they were students, they were refused the right to register because they (registrants) claimed they were not official residents of Tennessee.

Number contacted by other means 23

a. Specify means Telephone

Number refusing to participate 3

a. Reason for refusing to participate Same old tired excuse.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 2921

Number of workers in the campaign 5

Remarks

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project — Organization
Mrs. Elle Boyd — Person reporting
1308 Jefferson Street — Street Address
Nashville — City
Davidson — County
Tennessee — State

Period covered by this report: From Aug 11 to Aug 31

Date submitted: Sept 11, 1964

Election District to which this report applies: _____ _____ Ward, Beat, etc. _____ Precinct, election district, etc.

Day of the month:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
No.* contacted by door-to-door canvass																	39	15	20	13	19			25	16	27	22	10			20
No.* contacted by other means (specify means) telephone street		Courthouse									8	16	19	5			25	30	16	5	13			41	25	50	35	18			28
No.* refusing to participate											2	7	1	—																	
No.* instructed at home		Closed																													
No.* instructed at other places (specify places) Prison Bus Bus		until after															→				80			→							17
No.* applying for registration as result of this program		Primary									30	40	36	22			33	25	32	26	26			45	29	44	40	31			37
No.* successfully registered by this project		Election																													
No.* denied registration																															
											2455	2495	2531	2553			2586	2611	2643	2669	2695			2740	2769	2813	2853	2884			2921

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280
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173
1584 *

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 28, 1964 to October 3, 1964

Person reporting Mrs. Ella Boyd, Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street | Nashville | Davidson | Tennessee
Street Address | City | County | State

Date submitted: October 4, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan-Davidson

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 367

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 0 a. Specify places 0

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 763

Number successfully registered by this project this week 763

Number denied registration in this project this week 20

a. Reason for denial College students are not recognized as legal residents.

Number contacted by other means 307

a. Specify means Telephoning, on the streets, restaurants, buses

Number refusing to participate 61

a. Reason for refusing to participate Don't care who is elected, Have never registered and never want to do so. Too old to care.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 4515

Number of workers in the campaign 10

Remarks

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 21, 1964 to Sept. 25, 1964

Person reporting Mrs. Ella Boyd, Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street — Nashville — Davidson — Tennessee
Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: September 25, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan-Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 244

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 280

Number successfully registered by this project this week 280

Number denied registration in this project this week 10

a. Reason for denial School students and they feel they aren't residents since they are originally from other states.

Number contacted by other means 285

a. Specify means Telephoning, buses, restaurants, on the streets

Number refusing to participate 37

a. Reason for refusing to participate Same old tired excuses.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 3752

Number of workers in the campaign 8

Remarks During this past week, registration has picked up remarkably. I'm sure the last week will be even better.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 14, 1964 to Sept. 18, 1964

Person reporting Mrs. Ella Boyd, Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street — Street Address
Nashville — City
Davidson — County
Tennessee — State

Date submitted: September 25, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan-Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 210

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 7 a. Specify places Buses

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 261

Number successfully registered by this project this week 261

Number denied registration in this project this week 8

a. Reason for denial Since they are students they feel that they are not permanent residents.

Number contacted by other means 272

a. Specify means Telephone, bus shelter, restaurants, churches

Number refusing to participate 41

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not interested, Don't have the time, Don't care to register nor vote.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 3472

Number of workers in the campaign 8

Remarks

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 8, 1964 to September 11, 1964

Person reporting Mrs. Ella Boyd, Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street — Nashville, — Davidson — Tennessee
Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: September 25, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan-Nashville

Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 109

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 100 a. Specify places Courthouse

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 107

Number successfully registered by this project this week 107

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 143

a. Specify means Telephone, restaurants, buses, on the streets

Number refusing to participate 30

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not interested in who gets elected, I've never registered and don't intend doing so. I don't care tO.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 3211

Number of workers in the campaign 7

Remarks

OCT 5 1964

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 1, 1964 to Sept. 4, 1964

Person reporting Mrs. Ella Boyd, Secretary

1308 Jefferson Street — Nashville — Davidson — Tennessee

Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: September 25, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Metropolitan-Davidson

Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 120

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 212 a. Specify places

Restaurants, telephone, bus shelters, on the streets

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 173

Number successfully registered by this project this week 173

Number denied registration in this project this week 5

a. Reason for denial Students going to school from other states. Those who have graduated have to wait one year after graduation.

Number contacted by other means 212

a. Specify means As above

Number refusing to participate 16

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 3104

Number of workers in the campaign 7

Remarks General apathy. The same old excuses are given.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

OCT 5 1964

Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project — Mrs Ella Boyd
Organization — Person reporting

130P Jefferson Street — Nashville — Davidson — Tennessee
Street Address — City — County — State

Period covered by this report: From Sept 1, 1964 to Sept 30, 1964

Date submitted: Oct 7, 1964

Election District to which this report applies: _____ _____ Ward, Beat, etc. _____ Precinct, election district, etc.

Date of the month:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
No.* contacted by door-to-door canvass	25	19	36	40			Labor Day	38	16	30	25			45	40	35	51	39			40	38	44	57	65			68	73	80
No.* contacted by other means (specify means) business street telephone shelter	50	39	45	78				45	37	28	33			66	51	48	37	70			57	60	49	51	68			70	50	45
No.* refusing to participate	3	0	5	8				10	8	5	7			13	8	5	0	15			17	6	3	0	11			8	3	19
No.* instructed at home																														
No.* instructed at other places (specify places)																														
No. applying for registration as a result of this program	43	47	60	32				42	22	27	16			50	51	50	49	61			66	68	55	53	44			68	71	87
No.* successfully registered by this project																														
No.* denied registration																														
	2968	3011	3071	3104				3146	3168	3196	3211			3261	3312	3362	3411	3472			3538	3606	3655	3708	3752			3820	3891	3978

*Persons of voting age

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FIELD REPORT

OCT 5 1964

Middle Tennessee Voter Registration Project — Organization

Mrs. Ella Boyd, Secretary — Person reporting

1308 Jefferson St — Street Address

Nashville — City

Davidson — County

Tennessee — State

Period covered by this report: From Oct 1, 1964 to Oct 3, 1964

Date submitted: October 4, 1964

Election District to which this report applies: _____ _____ Ward, Beat, etc. _____ Precinct, election district, etc.

Day of the month:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
No.* contacted by door-to-door canvass	71	50	25																											
No.* contacted by other means (specify means) telephoning, attended church	45	87	10																											
No.* refusing to participate	12	10	9																											
No.* instructed at home																														
No.* instructed at other places (specify places)																														
No.* applying for registration as result of this program	120	107	310																											
No.* successfully registered by this project																														
No.* denied registration																														
	4098	4205	4515																											

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Atl. World 2-28-64

Many Attempt To Register In Southwest Ga. Counties

ALBANY, Ga. — A four county "Freedom Day" February 22 has resulted in "at least 100" attempts to register to vote.

Vote tries were made in Terrell, Sumter, and Dougherty Counties. In Lee County, where registration books were closed, 150 Negroes gathered at New Piney Grove Baptist Church for a vote rally.

Like Hattiesburg, Mississippi's "Freedom Day" on January 22, Southwest Georgia's was a victory.

"We have never picketed and leafleted downtown without having arrests before today, "Freedom Day coordinator Charles Sherrod said.

Sherrod is Southwest Georgia Project Director for the Atlanta-based Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). The group has been conducting vote drives here since 1961.

A breakdown on activity in each county showed:

Terrell County: Over 40 Negroes went to register in Dawson, where pickets urged Negroes to make the attempt. There were no arrests.

Sumter County: Over 60 have tried to register in the past three weeks, and on Freedom Day, pickets and leafleteers were in downtown Americus for most of the day. There were no-arrests.

Dougherty County: Leafleting and picketing were carried on in downtown Albany, and an afternoon rally was held. Two pickets walked in front of the County Courthouse, two across the street, and four at City Hall. There were no arrests.

Lee County: Registration books were closed, but during the past three weeks, many have tried to register. An evening mass meeting was held there, well attended by 150 Negroes.

"The Albany Story," according to Sherrod, "and the story of our three years in Southwest Georgia has been one of the denial of the right to picket, the right to distribute leaflets ,and the right to hold meeings."

4-4
Sumter Co.

Rec'd 3/3/64

To: Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St.
Atlanta, Georgia

From: Don Harris
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
8½ Raymond Street, N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Re: Southwest Georgia

SNCC first moved into Americus and Sumter County in February 1963 to aid and assist the already existing movement. At that time, the plan was to set Sumter as an example for S.W. Georgia in terms of Voter Registration. In February of 1963 there were 520 Negroes on the rolls. Although Sumter is a large County (485 sq. mi.), local people were recruited from both the rural areas - as well as the county seat, Americus. Ccoperation was good, even though there was harrassment by local officials. In March registration workers were tetained for 3 hours, then released; in April, SNCC worker was beaten on the street by local white after returning from registration attempt at the court house.

As Spring ended, local people were calling for a broader-based, all-out program against segregation; specifically, a direct action campaign in the city of Americus. As a result of this, and because Albany was about to enter into new demonstrations, a request was made by the SNCC Southwest Georgia Project Director to break its contract with VEP. This request was accepted.

Demonstrations in Americus were the major activities in Americus in July and August of 1963, although voter registration was still going on. Early in September, local people as well as the SNCC staff began again to work on voter registration exclusively.

With the increased voter registration activities in December, January, and February, police harrassment and intimidation have increased also, in the form of traffic tickets, workers being constantly followed. A young man was beaten while attempting to register and a woman was literally dragged from the Court House rest toom the same day.

Even in light of these incidents, 50 people were taken to the Court House and registered in January, and 60 others during February. Workers in Americus indicate that many others have gone down on their own as a result of a publicity campaign and intensified effort in communications.

The City and County Elections on March 24th will be very important. It could serve as a focal point and catalyst for the coming national elections.

There is a need to contact more people in the rural areas of the county. Lack of funds make it impossible to do any extensive

travelling in the county. Mass Meetings could be going on each week in the rural areas, where they are only every other week now.

Citizenship school, which was operating in the fall and winter, needs and is about to reopen. Voter Registration Workshops and trained canvassing teams need to solicit more help and stimulate the contacts we already have in the second and third Congressional Districts.

As of February 1964 there are 970 Negroes registered in Sumter County with 150 applications now pending.

Needs:	mimeograph machine, typewriter, paper, stencils, ink -		
$160.	per month	subsistence for 2 people	
80.	"	"	transportation
75.	"	"	telephone
5.	"	"	water bill
15.	"	"	gas
2.	"	"	lights
25.	"	"	mail and office supplies
$362.00	TOTAL PER MONTH		

TERRELL COUNTY

Terrell County, Georgia cannot be unknown by many involved in the Negro Freedom Movement. Its long history of violence and terror have made it a symbol of resistance all across the South. In recent months, even in the wake of the bombing of Mrs. Carolyn Daniels House, there has been marked significant progress in Voter Registration.

November, 1963, 30 of 33 Negroes passed registration test
December, 1963, 1 of 2 passed the test - Mrs. Daniels house bombed.
February 7, 1964, 4 of 7 Negroes passed the test.
February 22, 1964, 42 people applied to register. 30 people took test, only 1 person known to have failed.
Wk. Feb. 24-29 at least 27 known to have applied.

Although there has been much verbal abuse in recent weeks, the injunction just passed, enjoining Sheriff, two Dep. Sheriffs, the registrar, Dep. Registrar, Dawson Police Chief, and some local citizens from interfering with voter registration workers or people attempting to register.

Extensive voter registration publicity campaign has been initiated in the past few weeks. There has been increased canvassing, massive leafleting, picketing, purchase of radio time and so on.

Contacts have also been made with the local community organizations, such as the Negro Post of the American Legion, the Masons, a local quilting club, the Mission Society and the PTA.

February 22nd was Freedom Day in Southwest Georgia and seemed to suggest a new attitude in the area and in Terrell especially. March 28th will be another focal point or catalyst in county and city elections that will take place.

As of January 1964, there were 189 Negroes registered in Terrell. As of this date (March 1st) there are about 220 registered with 50 applications pending.

Needs: typewriter, paper

$150.	to fix car - tires, front end, 3 doors, windows	
160.	per month subistence for 2 people	
80.	" "	transportation
25.	" "	mail and office supplies
70.	" "	phone
20.	" "	utiltites
$505.00	INITIALLY	
$355.00	TOTAL PER MONTH	

Contacts have been made in neighboring Randolph County. Workers have been invited there on 3 or 4 occasions where further expansion is planned in the Second Congressional District.

LEE COUNTY

Voter registration activity has been increased within the last three months. A major part of time in the last month has been spent organizing the young people of the Lee County Training School to work on a full time basis. There is now a core group that devotes three to five days per week canvassing, leafleting, and assisting, when that can, to get people to the Court House.

The Citizenship School that has been operating successfully for the past few months has recently been given permission to operate in the School. This permission has been taken by many local Negroes to mean that the time now "Right" for people to attempt to register.

Unsure of exact figures at the time SNCC worker jail -- Sheriff said, "I'm gonna get you". Two hours later in Jail on $100 cash bond. At the end of January 1964 ther were 137 Negroes registered, there are now about 35 applications pending until the next test is given.

Needs:

$ 60. per month for

Needs:

$ 80.	per month	subsistance one person
80.	" "	transportation
30.	" "	materials, paper, ink, stencils, etc.
$180.00	TOTAL PER MONTH	

Good contacts have been made with people in Worth County, We have been asked to come into Sylvester and help with a voter registration campaign. Rev. Wells of Albany has a church there that in all probability could be used for meetings and a man has offered us a home in which workers might stay. These facts should be kept in mind in terms of future expansion in the Second Congressional Dist.

Total Financial Needs:

$362.	per month, Sumter County
150.	initially, Terrell County
355.	per month, Terrell County
180.	per month, Lee County.
$1047.	INITIALLY
$ 897.00	TOTAL PER MONTH

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

6 Raymond Street, N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

MAR 6 1964

688-0331

March 5th, 1964

Dear Mr. Branton —

Both Worth and myself were most appreciative of the time you spent with us on Tuesday.

Responsive to your request for further information on the areas we are working in, specifically, Lee, Sumter and Terrell Counties, there are now no other groups either of the Counties. At one time CORE did have one person working in Sumter County. SNCC in each County is working in cooperation with the local citizens group, e.g. Lee County Movement, Sumter County Movement, etc.

Below you will find a breakdown of who will be working where and the best I can do in terms of projected goals.

"One Man, One Vote"

NEP 4-4

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	Number of people	Race	Home	Registration/Month
Lee County-	Willie Ricks	Negro	Tennessee	50-60
Sumter County-	Robert Mants	Negro	Atlanta, Ga.	100
	John Perdew	White	Denver, Col.	
Terrell County-	George Bess	Negro	Florida	60-75
	Merle Harris	Negro	Philadelphia	

As I am sure you realize, the figures are only rough estimates. And in the event that nothing unforeseen happens I think the figures above are conservative.

Another staff person will be joining us within the week. This will undoubtedly be a help... probably to Ricks in Lee County.

I hope that this information is sufficient. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Don Harris,
SNCC, Southwest Georgia

536 East Jefferson St.
Americus, Georgia
924-5863

March 13, 1964

Mr. James Forman
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
8½ Raymond Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Dear Mr. Forman:

Re VEP 4-4

On March 3, Worth Long and Don Harris visited the VEP office and brought with them a written proposal for a registration program for Sumter, Terrell and Lee counties in southwest Georgia. They requested the sum of $1,047 for the first month and $897.00 for each month thereafter. We discussed the southwest Georgia situation in considerable detail, including some critical evaluation of former SNCC programs in that area.

In view of the fact that the deadline for registration for voting in the general election is May 21, we have decided that any program which we support should terminate at that time. I am pleased to inform you that we have decided to make a grant to SNCC in the amount of $1,000 per month for a two-month period for work in these three counties. This favorable decision was influenced considerably by our impression of Don Harris who made a very good impression on all of us here at VEP.

Even though the anticipated registration results in each of the three counties is relatively small, it is a great improvement over the results obtained during the previous southwest Georgia program, and we think that it will add to our research files to study very closely the effectiveness of your new program as compared with the previous one.

In order to do this we will require closer cooperation in reporting to VEP by SNCC. This might be expedited to some extent by having Don Harris submit reports directly to VEP so that they will not be delayed and I am asking Mrs. Barbara Whitaker, of our staff, to let Mr. Harris know what special information she wants on this project.

We are enclosing our initial check in the amount of $1,000 which should be deposited to the regular VEP account, but which should be expended only in support of your southwest Georgia program, and the other $1,000 will be sent to you on or about April 13, but will be conditioned upon receipt of a monthly progress report by the 10th of April.

It should be understood that the same conditions and restrictions are imposed upon this grant as have been imposed upon all previous VEP grants.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

6 Raymond Street, N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

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MAR 24 1964

March 21, 1964

Dear Mr. Branton:

During the week, a copy of your letter to Jim concerning the project here in Southwest Georgia was fowarded to me. To say the least, Iwas indeed pleased that VEP had come to a favorable decision on our proposal. I am certainly appreciative of your confidence in us.

Om Tuesday, as you probably know, Mr. Blackwell stopped by for a few hours. Bob, John and I enjoyed speaking with him and are greatful for his suggestions. At that time I gave to him field reports on Lee and Sumter counties. Please find enclosed in this letter the report on Terrell. As of yet I have not heard from Mrs. Whitaker on whatispecial information she wants on this project. I expect however, to hear from her soon.

In the Terrell County primary on Wednesday the 18th, we managed to move one of the two men we wanted out. Z.T. Mathews was re-elected sheriff, but Christie, the incumbant school superintendant was defeated by 200 votes. (There are now about 235 Negroes registered in Terrell.)

Nothing more at this time --- we are now in the midist of preparing for the primary here in Sumter County on Tuesday the 24th.

Thank you again. I am certain that we will substantiate your confidence in us.

Sincerely,

Don Harris

Don Harris,
Project Director,
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"One Man, One Vote"

Sumter School Bonds Defeated by 15 Votes

Col. Enq., 3/25/64

3rd Cong. Dist.

By RUDY HAYES
Enquirer Correspondent

AMERICUS, Ga. — Sumter County, by a 15-vote margin Tuesday, apparently defeated a proposed $900,000 school bond issue which would have meant the consolidation of the high schools of Americus and Sumter County into one school in the city.

County voters, exclusive of those within the city, voted 934 for the bond issue and 949 against.

The issue of consolidation was not written into the bond issue call, but it was understood that if the county approved the bond issue called for by the county board of education, the city schools would become a part of the county system.

Americus High burned recently, and some state funds were expected to go with the insurance money. City and county leaders planned to combine the money from different sources to construct a new high school.

In the race for county school superintendent, incumbent W. W. Foy, who had endorsed the bond issue, received 822 votes to the 608 received by Ed Bailey, who opposed consolidation.

In the county bond issue all nine precincts reported, but in the Democratic primary races held at the same time as the bond issue, the small Leslie precinct was not counted in the unofficial total.

The vote received by the candidates in the primary was as follows:

School bond issue — For, 934; Against 949.

Sheriff — Fred Chappell, 2,601; J. Talley Whitaker, 1,271.

School superintendent — W. W. Foy, 822; Ed Bailey, 608.

Ordinary — Carol Austin, 633; Eugene Horne, 2,297; Davis Lee, 588; Randolph Stackhouse, 239.

County surveyor — Kendall Wooten, 1,214; Jim Littlefield, 2,516.

County Commission Post 1— George L. Mathews, 1,855; Leon Holloway, 1,933.

County Commission Post 2— Phil Jones, 979; Theo Baldwin, 723; James R. Buchannan, 808; Clarence Parker, 859; J. E. (Buddy) Slappey, 408.

County Commission Post 3— Rufus Chappell, 2,301; J. D. Clements Jr., 927; Minor Turner, 491.

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Election Interference In Sumter Is Charged

AMERICUS, Ga. (AP) — A Sumter County election generated Wednesday charges and denials of official interference and an appeal by an integration worker to Sen. Richard B. Russell for relief.

A representative of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Mary King, made the plea to Russell, senatorial leader of Southern segregationists.

She charged in a letter mailed from Atlanta that Sheriff Fred D. Chappell and other officials talked with Negroes at polling places Tuesday in an effort to dissuade them from voting. She also alleged other measures to keep them from voting and the beating at the courthouse of a Negro active in a vote drive.

Chappell, who won easy renomination in the Democratic primary, denied the SNCC charge.

"It's all a — — lie," Chappell said.

The sheriff at the same time disclosed that Federal Bureau of Investigation agent came here to check on complaints.

The FBI confirmed in Atlanta that it had made a check. A spokesman said a report will be made to the Department of Justice and the department will decide whether an investigation is warranted.

Miss King in her letter asked Russell to call on the Department of Justice to make an investigation. She also asked the senator to denounce what she described as interference in the vote process.

Voted on concurrently with the party primary contests was a $900,000 school bond issue, which was narrowly defeated, 949 votes against and 934 for.

A primary upset was the defeat of School Superintendent W. W. Foy by Ed Bailey, a farmer, 915 to 893. Chappell won the sheriff race, 2,851 to 1,333, over J. T. Whitaker, a service station operator.

28 Votes Defeat Bond Plan

Col. Reg., 8/26/64

AMERICUS, Ga. — Sumter County voters Tuesday defeated the proposed $900,000 school bond issue by 28 votes.

The county residents cast 910 votes for the bond issue and 938 against, according to the official returns compiled Wednesday.

Warren Fortson, Americus attorney, discussed the election results before the county board of education on Wednesday, but no definite decision was made as to whether there will be a demand for recount.

The official returns of the Democratic primary held at the same time as the bond vote showed that W. W. Foy, incumbent county school superintendent, lost his bid for renomination to challenger Ed Bailey by 22 votes.

Early unofficial returns gave Foy a lead over his challenger, but the official returns were 915 votes for Bailey and 893 for Foy.

George Mathews, chairman of the Sumter County Commission for the past 16 years, was defeated by Leon Holloway, Andersonville farmer, by approximately 200 votes.

Kendell Wooten, county surveyor for the past 18 years, was defeated by Jim Littlefield by a margin of approximately 200 votes.

Sheriff Fred Chappell was returned to office as well as Ordinary Eugene Horne. County Commissioners Rufus Chappell and Phil Jones were also returned to office.

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Test of Faith in Sumter

A compelling case was available for the school bond issue which was voted on in Sumter County Tuesday. But by a razor-thin margin of 28 votes, the proposal was rejected, 938 to 910.

Only voters outside of the Americus city limits were allowed to render a verdict. The majority evidently decided that they wanted keep a separate school system for the county plus separate high schools.

Had the bond issue been approved, it was assumed that the Americus and Sumter systems would be consolidated and a single high school built in Americus to serve the entire county.

Now, Americus faces the prospect of having to build a new high school for the city students only. The old school burned down in January.

But the close vote does lend encouragement for further efforts by those who supported the bond issue, including the county board of education.

A point raised against the consolidation move was that county taxpayers would carry a larger share of the financial load than Americus taxpayers. But it is difficult to see how two systems and three high schools can be operated as cheaply as one system and one high school.

Of more importance is improvement in curriculum and teaching conditions which consolidation usually produces.

The education reform program passed by the Georgia General Assembly in January was designed to encourage more effective use of every education dollar.

Sumter County provided the first test of local faith since the program's enactment. The test was a failure — but the margin was narrower than it would probably have been in times past.

More significant perhaps is the unmistakable trend toward pooling educational resources and funds to produce the best education possible for a community's youngsters.

The youths of smaller counties deserve to have the same curriculum of high school study as their counterparts in larger counties.

But specialized courses demand specialized teachers and classes. Small systems simply can't afford them.

The real issue in Sumter County on Tuesday — and the issue that will increasingly present itself to the voters of smaller counties—was the caliber and extent of education that will be afforded their high school students.

If just 15 people had felt differently, Sumter County would now be ready for a long step toward its greater educational destiny. As it is, a few more classes of Sumter children will be deprived of the benefits which consolidation can bring.

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Russell Challenged On Vote Interference

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) has asked Senator Richard Russell (D. - Ga.) to speak out on the floor of the U. S. Senate denouncing vote interference in his own state.

In a letter to Senator Russell, March 24, a SNCC spokesman reported that the director of SNCC's southwest Georgia vote drive had been "pushed, shoved, pounded and kicked" by Americus and Sumter Co., law officials.

Donald Harris, 23, who was held for 85 days under the death penalty here last fall, was accosted by lawmen as he waited outside the polls of the Sumter Co., primary election. When he refused to "move on," a city policeman and deputy sheriff, aided by an unidentified white man, "roughed up" Harris.

Russell was informed of reports from SNCC workers in Americus that Negro cars and taxicabs were not allowed to discharge passengers in front of the polls, or park where white voters parked at the Chamber of Commerce building.

SNCC workers also charged that separate lines and voting rooms were used for whites and Negroes.

According to SNCC chairman

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Atl Daily Herald, 4-3-64, p. 1.

Russell Challenged

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John Lewis — in Americus for the vote drive - large numbers of Negroes were turned away from the polls March 24, when they were told a six month waiting period had not elapsed. Lewis and Harris maintain that testimony and affidavits are available to show that many of those turned away had completed registration procedures before mid-

April 14, 1964

Mr. James Forman
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
94 Raymond St., N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Dear Mr. Forman:

Re VEP 4-4

We enclose our check in the amount of $1000 which represents payment of the final installment for your southwest Georgia voter registration program. We have been quite pleased with the reports which Don Harris has been sending to us and it appears that registration results are much better than when you first ran your SNCC voter program in that area.

I had a telephone call from a labor representative a few days ago in which he informed me that labor was interested in the Third Congressional District race and wanted to know if we were encountering any discrimination from the registrars, and implied that labor might be helpful in getting some of the discrimination removed so that there could be an increase in Negro registration and that hopefully Negro voters would back labor-supported candidates. I explained to him the non-partisan role which VEP must maintain but welcomed any support in the removal of racial discrimination by the registrar. I am, by copy of this letter, asking Don Harris to advise us of the attitude of the registrars in each of the counties where SNCC is working.

We know that the campaign by C.B. King of Albany for the Second Congressional District seat will be a motivating influence for Negro registration in all of southwest Georgia, but we think that it is important to caution all

of you that the VEP program must remain strictly non-partisan even in the case of a Negro candidate and you will have to take special measures to be sure that no valid charge could be made against VEP with reference to a violation of our tax exempt status for having participated in partisan politics. This same caution should be exercised in Selma, Alabama, or in any other place where Negro candidates are running.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc. 1
cc: Mr. Don Harris

WB

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

6 Raymond Street, N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia
688-0331

Miss S. D. Johnson

JUL 14 1964

MRS. WHITAKER:
MR. BRANTON:

I AM REALLY SORRY THAT THIS REQUEST IS SO LATE IN ARRIVING — AND NOW LOOKS SO POOR AFTER ALL THIS TIME. WE'VE BEEN VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN TESTING SOME OF THE NEWLY OPENED FACILITIES HERE — AND AS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW I SPENT SIX DAYS IN JAIL AS A RESULT.

HOPEFULLY, THIS REQUEST IS NOT TOO LATE TO RECEIVE CONSIDERATION.

AGAIN, I APOLOGIZE FOR ITS CRUDENESS AND HOPE THAT YOU CAN READ IT AND MAKE SOME KIND OF DECISION ON THE PROPOSAL.

IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION OR HAVE ANY QUESTION PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL. HE-5-9811

SINCERELY,

DON HARRIS

"One Man, One Vote"

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To: Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta,14, Georgia

From: Donald Harris
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
504 S. Madison Street
Albany, Georgia

Re: SNCC, Southwest Georgia

Date: July 12, 1964

Atlanta, Georgia

From: Donald Harris
Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee
504 S. Madison Street
Albany, Georgia

Re: SNCC, Southwest Project. July 12, 1964

The recent change in the Georgia Election Code has caused SNCC to change the already operating summer program to include intensive registration campaigns throughout southwest Georgia. We are now based in eight areas: Thomasville, Tifton, Bainbridge, Americus, Cuthbert, Dawson, Cordele, and Albany. These cities are part of a twenty-two county area in which we are working; all of the second congressional district and part of thethird.

Our work in these areas has been varied. In the second district SNCC has been laying the groundwork and assisting Attorney C.B. King's campaign for U.S. Congress. Prior to May 2 most of this work involved voter registration. Since then, however, the work has been general organization: talding with community leaders, setting up meetings, and political and voter education. In Albany, SNCC has been conducting citizenship and literacy classes from a 5,000 book library center which was recently established. We are institutin a film program - short subjects and educational films - at present, to suppliment classes and hopefully add a more constructive kind of recreation than regular movies provide.

In the third district, particularly Americus, SNCC has been involved in direct action, and it has also planned a library center which should be ready to open in the next two weeks. Extensive work has also been done by the SNCC staff in the area of labor and employment problems - the integration of Manhattan Shirt factory and pressing work crews to demand higher wages.

During the past two weeks in the second and third districts SNCC has been trying to educate and inform people about the recently signed civil rights bill and what the provisions mean to the average citizen. Of course, since the signing of the bill SNCC has initiated testing in over 65 establishments throughout southwest Georgia. The vast majority of these establishments have complied with the bill's provisions without incident.

It seems obvious to myself as well as the rest of the staff here in southwest Georgia that if we had more people to work on voter registration exclusively we could take more complete advantage of the new Georgia election code changes. Our staff at present is involved in and committed to too many other programs to work voter registration to the extent that it should in order to see satisfying results by September.

Prior to the May 2 registration closing date, registration was significantly increased in the Georgia second district as a result of Attorney King's announcement that he would run for

U.S. Congress. The last week of registration in Albany 235 people were registered. (Substantially higher than other weeks) Most of us feel that in large measure the increase was caused by C.B. King's announcement. I feel that it should be pointed out that in all of the newer areas where we are now based: Thomasville, Tifton, Bainbridge, Cuthbert, and Cordele, there is no resistance to voter registration on the part of the local whites or officials. In all of these areas registration is a one-step process, unlike Dawson, Leesburg, or Americus, where one must file application and then return ao the request of the board to take the test.

Five new people placed in Tifton, Thomasville, Cuthbert, Bainbridge, and either Moultrie or Americus, to work exclusively on voter registration would add significantly to what we might accomplish in terms of adding more potential voters to the rolls between now and September 14. They would be working in conjunction with the SNCC personnel already located in these areas and would use the contacts that have already been established and work with whatever organization or structural framework that already exists.

Those people we would like to put on subsistence are:

Miss Mamie Dixon, 51-U 9th St., Tifton, Ga.- working in Tifton.
Mr. Herman Kitchens, c/o 504 S. Madison St., Albany, Ga.- working in Bainbridge.
Gwen Brown, 312 Festus St., Thomasville, Ga.,-in Thomasville.
Sam Mahone, 419 Poplar St., Americus, Ga.,- in Moultrie.
John Henry Davis, c/o 504 S. Madison St., Albany, Ga.,- working in Cuthbert.

The proposed budget for July and August for these people is 3,000 dollars. This may seem high, however, much of this amount is for equipment and aids which would make the total operation more efficient. The proposed budget is below.

Salaries:	$900.00
Georgia WATS line:	$1000.00
Transportation ($10 per person per week):	$450.00
Paper, ink, stencils, recording tape, andother materials:	$150.00
Newspaper ads, radio time, car repairs, living expenses for one person:	$500.00
Purchase of two used typewriter ; repairs on an old one:	$100.00
Total	$3000.00

July 21, 1964

Mr. James Forman
Student Nonviolent Coordinating
Committee
8½ Raymond Street, N. W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

ATTENTION: Miss S. G. Johnson RE: VEP 4-4

Dear Mr. Forman:

I am pleased to inform you that VEP has decided to make a supplemental grant to your Southwest Georgia Voter Registration Project in the amount of $2,000. This program is for a two-month period beginning July 20. Donald Harris submitted a budget requesting $3,000, but $1,000 of this amount was for a Georgia WATTS line. I fail to see where such an expenditure could be justified under the VEP program and that is the reason for our decision to make the grant $2,000. Perhaps further information regarding the necessity of the WATTS line under the VEP program will be of value if you want us to reconsider this item.

We understand that your registration activities will cover a 22-county area in Southwest Georgia but with major emphasis in the following eight areas: Thomasville, Tifton, Bainbridge, Americus, Cuthbert, Dawson, Cordele, and Albany.

We request that you make every effort to use people in your VEP program who will work exclusively in the area of voter registration in order that there will be no conflict with our tax exempt problems. We again remind you that no portion of the VEP funds may be used in support of any political candidate or party, and this prohibition extends to the C. B. King's campaign

and any other candidate, white or Negro. This grant is to be covered by all existing VEP requirements.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs
cc: Mr. Donald Harris
Encl: $2,000 Check

MEMORANDUM January 6, 1965

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: SNCC* Final Report of Accounting.

Grant:		$17,215.53
Disbursements:		
Adv. Print. & Prom.	$112.96	
Meals	462.03	
Lodging	318.18	
Office Rent	519.00	
Office Supplies	320.21	
Postage	6.88	
Salaries	6079.34	
Tel. & Tel.	925.15	
Trav. & Trans.	3869.52	
Utilities	186.81	
Federal Taxes	483.42	
Administraive Exp.	1883.00	
Harrassment Cost	44.05	
Miscellaneous	4.98	15,215.53
Unaccounted Balance **		$ 2,000.00

The last check from this project was # 292.

*This includes accounting on part of VEP 2-19 and 3-1 as well as VEP 3-27, 4-4, and 4-34.

** As reported to you earlier the unaccounted $2000 could be accounted for if SNCC would answer our request for an explanation of their last check in the matter of the purchase of the Plymouth for the Penola, Mississippi project.

jl

WB

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

6 Raymond Street, N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia
688-0331

August 20, 1964

Voter Education Project
Rm. 206
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

AUG 21 1964

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your check of $1000.

Sincerely,

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Constancia Romilly

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"One Man, One Vote"

No. 7240

Aug. 7 1964

Received of Voter Education Project

One thousand and —/100 DOLLARS

Rm. 206, 5 Forsyth St., N.W.,

Atlanta 3, Ga.

Ga. Project

$ 1000.00

WS/
JMC
JDC

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

6 Raymond Street, N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

688-0331

AUG 12 1964

504 South Madison Street
Albany, Georgia
August 11, 1964

Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I have recieved the copy of your letter to Mr. Forman informing him of your approval of an additional $1000.00 for the Southwest Georgia Project of SNCC. Needless to say, I, as well as the rest of the Staff here in Southwest Georgia , was pleased at your decision.

I understand completely your concern over our activity in Partisan politics and appreciate anxieties that you may have in how this will affect VEP. Because of this, I have decided against using the money for a state WATS line and will use the bulk of it for transportation - repairingsome of the old cars so that they will be able to operate almost 24 hours a day.

For your records, for the week ending July 20, we could account for over 1400 Negroes registering within the 2nd District. A rough break down is as follows:

Cordele, Crisp Co. ---475
Thomasville, Thomas Co.---325
Tifton, Tift Co.---260
Bainbridge, Decatur---56 (3 days)
Albany, Dougherty---65
Moultrie, Colquitt Co.---150
Cuthbert, Randolph Co.---50-100

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"One Man, One Vote"

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

6 Raymond Street, N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

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Registration work in Sumter Co., Americus is continuing and, it seems to me that progress is being made. I am certain that by now your office has recieved some initial reports from our staff people, so I would just say here that we average between 30 - 40 people per week in Americus.

Because most of the people on VEP are new, some of the reports are not as complete as they might be. I will make sure, however that this situation is corrected.

I am still anxious to recieve from your office a break down of the voting population both black and white of the 2nd and 3rd Districts. JM please send

Hope to be hearing from you very soon, in appreciation for your confidence, I am,

Sincerely,

Donald Harris

Donald Harris

DH:rmh

"One Man, One Vote"

August 6, 1964

Mr. James Forman
SNCC
64 Raymond Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

RE: VEP 4-4

Attention: Miss S. G. Johnson

Dear Mr. Forman:

We have considered further the request submitted to us by Donald Harris which sought $1,000 for a Georgia WATS line. On July 21, we approved a grant in the amount of $2,000, but declined to approve the additional $1,000.

Since that date, I have talked with both you and Donald Harris, and you have made a convincing argument for the necessity of a WATS line in a local area such as southwest Georgia. We can approve the additional request, but it would have to be understood that the WATS line cannot be used in connection with any partisan politics, or for non-VEP activities.

VEP has decided to approve the original budget request in full, and we are enclosing our check in the sum of $1,000, representing payment of the balance of said grant. You had indicated that you are in need of additional means of transportation. We leave it to the discretion of SNCC as to whether or not you want to use this additional money for a WATS line, or to invest in some means of transportation. Please let us know what your decision is.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $1,000 check
cc: Mr. Donald Harris-Albany, Georgia
Mr. James Forman-Greenwood, Mississippi

5/23/64

May 14, 1964

Mrs. Betty Miles
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
84 Raymond St., N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Dear Betty:

I felt that I had better remind you that we are still waiting for voucher support from some very old expenditures and we simply must have a final reporting on these. Since I am listing these items below I might just as well list the more recent items for which we need reporting, too, so that all unsupported accounting from SNCC will be listed in one place.

November 6, 1963	- Check #082	- Selma	- $400.00
November 6, 1963	- Check #083	- Selma	- $400.00
March 16, 1964	- Check #149	- SW Ga.	-$130.00
April 10, 1964	- Check #181	- "	$200.00
April 20, 1964	- Check #195	- "	$200.00
May 1, 1964	- Check #216	- "	$200.00

Rec'd 5-23-64

Please let us have the voucher support as soon as possible since we have got to know for what purposes these checks were spent.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

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WB

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

6 Raymond Street, N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

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APR 17 1964

April 15, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Mr. Forman is presently in London attending the International Conference on Sanctions Against South Africa. You may be assured that he will see your April 14th letter upon his return.

Enclosed please find a receipt in the amount of $1,000. given us for the VEP project in Southwest Georgia. Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

FREEDOM,

Judy Richardson

Judy Richardson

Secretary to
James Forman

Enc.

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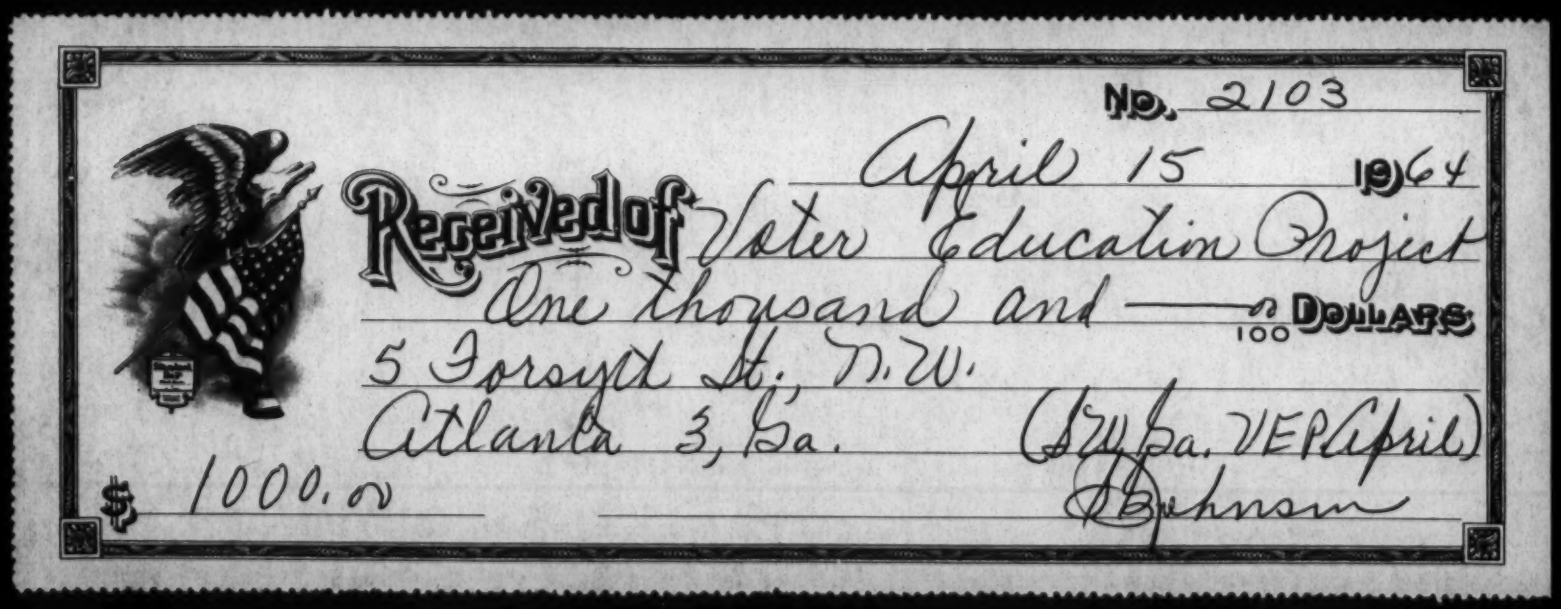

No. 2103

April 15 1964

Received of Voter Education Project

One thousand and —— 00/100 DOLLARS

5 Forsyth St., N.W.

Atlanta 3, Ga. (SW Ga. VEP April)

$ 1000.00

J Johnson

Rec'd 3/3/64

To: Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St.
Atlanta, Georgia

From: Don Harris
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
8½ Raymond Street, N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Re: Southwest Georgia

SNCC first moved into Americus and Sumter County in February 1963 to aid and assist the already existing movement. At that time, the plan was to set Sumter as an example for S.W. Georgia in terms of Voter Registration. In February of 1963 there were 520 Negroes on the rolls. Although Sumter is a large County (485 sq. mi.), local people were recruited from both the rural areas - as well as the county seat, Americus. Cooperation was good, even though there was harrassment by local officials. In March registration workers were tetained for 3 hours, then released; in April, SNCC worker was beaten on the street by local white after returning from registration attempt at the court house.

As Spring ended, local people were calling for a broader-based, all-out program against segregation; specifically, a direct action campaign in the city of Americus. As a result of this, and because Albany was about to enter into new demonstrations, a request was made by the SNCC Southwest Georgia Project Director to break its contract with VEP. This request was accepted.

Demonstrations in Americus were the major activities in Americus in July and August of 1963, although voter registration was still going on. Early in September, local people as well as the SNCC staff began again to work on voter registration exclusively.

With the increased voter registration activities in December, January, and February, police harrassment and intimidation have increased also, in the form of traffic tickets, workers being constantly followed. A young man was beaten while attempting to register and a woman was literally dragged from the Court House rest toom the same day.

Even in light of these incidents, 50 people were taken to the Court House and registered in January, and 60 others during February. Workers in Americus indicate that many others have gone down on their own as a result of a publicity campaign and intensified effort in communications.

The City and County Elections on March 24th will be very important. It could serve as a focal point and catalyst for the coming national elections.

There is a need to contact more people in the rural areas of the county. Lack of funds make it impossible to do any extensive

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travelling in the county. Mass Meetings could be going on each week in the rural areas, where they are only every other week now.

Citizenship school, which was operating in the fall and winter, needs and is about to reopen. Voter Registration Workshops and trained canvassing teams need to solicit more help and stimulate the contacts we already have in the second and third Congressional Districts.

As of February 1964 there are 970 Negroes registered in Sumter County with 150 applications now pending.

Needs:	mimeograph machine, typewriter, paper, stencils, ink -		
$160.	per month		subsistence for 2 people
80.	"	"	transportation
75.	"	"	telephone
5.	"	"	water bill
15.	"	"	gas
2.	"	"	lights
25.	"	"	mail and office supplies
$362.00	TOTAL PER MONTH		

TERRELL COUNTY

Terrell County, Georgia cannot be unknown by many involved in the Negro Freedom Movement. Its long history of violence and terror have made it a symbol of resistance all across the South. In recent months, even in the wake of the bombing of Mrs. Carolyn Daniels House, there has been marked significant progress in Voter Registration.

November, 1963, 30 of 33 Negroes passed registration test
December, 1963, 1 of 2 passed the test - Mrs. Daniels house bombed.
February 7, 1964, 4 of 7 Negroes passed the test.
February 22, 1964, 42 people applied to register. 30 people took test, only 1 person known to have failed.
Wk. Feb. 24-29 at least 27 known to have applied.

Although there has been much verbal abuse in recent weeks, the injunction just passed, enjoining Sheriff, two Dep. Sheriffs, the registrar, Dep. Registrar, Dawson Police Chief, and some local citizens from interfering with voter registration workers or people attempting to register.

Extensive voter registration publicity campaign has been initiated in the past few weeks. There has been increased canvassing, massive leafleting, picketing, purchase of radio time and so on.

Contacts have also been made with the local community organizations, such as the Negro Post of the American Legion, the Masons, a local quilting club, the Mission Society and the PTA.

February 22nd was Freedom Day in Southwest Georgia and seemed to suggest a new attitude in the area and in Terrell especially. March 28th will be another focal point or catalyst in county and city elections that will take place.

As of January 1964, there were 189 Negroes registered in Terrell. As of this date (March 1st) there are about 220 registered with 50 applications pending.

Needs: typewriter, paper

$150.	to fix car - tires, front end, 3 doors, windows	
160.	per month subistence for 2 people	
80.	" "	transportation
25.	" "	mail and office supplies
70.	" "	phone
20.	" "	utiltites
$505.00	INITIALLY	
$355.00	TOTAL PER MONTH	

Contacts have been made in neighboring Randolph County. Workers have been invited there on 3 or 4 occasions where further expansion is planned in the Second Congressional District.

LEE COUNTY

Voter registration activity has been increased within the last three months. A major part of time in the last month has been spent organizing the young people of the Lee County Training School to work on a full time basis. There is now a core group that devotes three to five days per week canvassing, leafleting, and assisting, when that can, to get people to the Court House.

The Citizenship School that has been operating successfully for the past few months has recently been given permission to operate in the School. This permission has been taken by many local Negroes to mean that the time now "Right" for people to attempt to register.

Unsure of exact figures at the time SNCC worker jail -- Sheriff said, "I'm gonna get you". Two hours later in Jail on $100 cash bond. At the end of January 1964 ther were 137 Negroes registered, there are now about 35 applications pending until the next test is given.

Needs:

$ 80. per month subsistance one person
80. " " transportation
30. " " materials, paper, ink, stencils, etc.
$180.00 TOTAL PER MONTH

Good contacts have been made with people in Worth County, We have been asked to come into Sylvester and help with a voter registration campaign. Rev. Wells of Albany has a church there that in all probability could be used for meetings and a man has offered us a home in which workers might stay. These facts should be kept in mind in terms of future expansion in the Second Congressional Dist.

Total Financial Needs:

$362. per month, Sumter County
150. initially, Terrell County
355. per month, Terrell County
180. per month, Lee County.
$1047. INITIALLY
$ 897.00 TOTAL PER MONTH

FIELD REPORT: TERRELL COUNTY
February 16 - March 13 1964

TO: Don Harris
Worth Long
SNCC

From: GGeorge Bess

Feb. 16 Willie Ricks, Bob Cover, Buster Merricks and I passed out leaflets advertising Freedom Day in Southwest Georgia, Feb. 22.at the local high school. Mr. Sykes the principle asked us to leave; Bob and Buster talked with Sykes, while Willie tried to talk to the students, he was fairly successful, I continually passed out leaflets. When we finished we told our friend Sykes bye. Tuesday, Feb 17 Bob, Buster, Melvin Sherman and I canvassed in the A tock area, on the west side of Dawson. As usual our work was visually only partically successful. Wednesday, Bob, Buster and I passed out leaflets again at the high school, and again Mr. Sykes asked us to leave, we ignored him and passed out the leaflets. That night we attended the mass meeting in Dawson. About 10 excited people attended the meeting, I told of our exploits at the school, we decided to buy some radio spots from WDWD Dawson, to canvass on Sat. in the Downtown Black section of Dawson trying to get people to go down to register and to take the test when they finish the application. We all sung "We Shall Overcome" and went home, some to Tom the next day, others to act like men, others to try to find themselves in this damn crazy white mans' world we "live" in. Two weeks ago I was ready to give the idea of trying to be some kind of leader or at least an organizer in the movement and take a following role on some campus within my academic and financial range. Frankly, I hadn't made one workable suggestion since I arrived in Terrell, the desisions that came from that meeting were basically by ideas via Mr. Halloway the Pres. and Mr. Edwards the vice Pres. Thur. we got the money for the radio spots and went to the station to buy the time. Woodal, the manager wasn't in. We canvassed about one hour. Buter and Halloway the optomists were very optomistist about the success of Freedom Day, Bob and I weren't. After stealing six picket signs from albany under R. Battles hot protest, Buster Bob and I planned to picket Friday. At 3:15 the three of us went to the high school a block from our ruin with our heap of junk called andy loaded with signs and leaflets. Sykes asked us to leave the campus with the signs, we retreated across the street. Then invaded the campus with leaflets. Sykes didn't bother us anymore, but was reportedly seed weeping in the hall of the school. It was a great feeling to see those kids grab those leaflets . Two high school students helped us canvass that evening. The city police passed me twice on the east side, Bob reported no incidents on the west side. Unforuntely that wasn't my last encounter with the police in Dawson. We bought four 30 sec spots for Sun. morning during the "Gospel Hour" featuring Nina Simon _____? Saturday 42 people registered to vote on freedom day. We attended the Lee County mass meeting Sat. night.

We passed leaflets on Sabin Oral Sunday at Carver High in Dawson and in Bronwood. Many people committed on the radio spots.

We canvassed Monday. Passed out leaflets Tuesday at the school. Wed. John "Collie" Washingtoncame out to Terrell again. Sykes agreedto pretend that he doesn't see us when we pass out leaflets at the school. Sat. 17 people applied to register, Senn the tax comm. colsed the office leaving 5 pepple in the hall.

Monday, Bob and I took a lady down to apply from Sasser, four people came in while we were there. Meryle Harris has been working with us since Saturday , she seems to be having a rather hard time adjusting to T. C. We went to Parrot to try to find three ladies who wanted to go apply, they wern't home. Mr. Gordon the prin, at Sassser Elem. asked me to leave the campus when I attempted to pass Sncc buttons and leaflets. Meryle and Coolie passed out leaflets at Carver High like we did Tuesday, this was wed. I arrived at the Mass Meeting late. The little parsonage was crowded we really need a church to hold our mass Meeting. Maybe in a church we can have a real mass meeting instead of a gen. Bull session . Saturday 22 pepo people applied to reg. Senn sent cards out notifing some people to take the test on 4-7-64 at 9;00, 10:00, 11:00 and 2:00. The test wasn't given until 2:00, it was moved from its regularer location (on the 2 story) to the grand jury room on the third floor. At least one of the three doors to the courthouse was locked. So instead of 90-230 Negroes taking the test only 40-55 people took the test, cutting the no. of Negroes eligible to vote in the march 18 election. I will get some more ingo on this bull.

Sat. afternoon Meryle, Jhonny R. Brooner, Melvin Sherman and I went to Fort Valley State College to attend a Conf. sponsored by the Nat. Sharecroppers Fund. Bob Mants and Bob Cover handled reg. 112 people registered. But the sessions were poorly attended. The feds merely gave us the same "oh, how I'm tied down by the Hatch Act" or "But that isn't handled by my dept." We did manage to make a few valuable contacts at the conference with county agents throughout SW Georgia.

I spent Tues morning at the C.H. in Dawson. We overheard Senn tell a white couple that the VR test would be given tues. The test wasn't given. Coolie, Ernest McMillian and I [redacted] passed our leaflets without any trouble that evening. Wednesday, I called Edmonds, head Dramatics Dept. Famu and Joseph Aikens, Eng. Dept. FVSC to try to get one of them to come down here to give a play, They said that they would be glad to do it. Mr. Sykes aid No because his program was full! Since most of the adults went to the PtA meeting at Carver High, the mass Meeting was attended by students App 18, We made plans to give a dance on March 28 to raise Funds and to bring more young people into the movement. B uster, Coolie and Herman ? went over to Randolph County. They talked with the Naacp leaders in the counyt. We will go back Sunday morning. Friday Coolie and I saw Mr. Adams, prin. Lillie Cooper Elem Dawson about letting the community use thatschool for the play. H E SAID NO! The school traffic cop at Terrell Hi started chasing Coolie for speeding after se told him to slow down and I frowned at her, Coolie did slow down. We dodged her, went to Albany via Leesburg. Carolyn Daniels came out to T.C. Sat. Coolie and I went to Albany. I discovered that C. gave away all the clother we got from Atlanta when I returned , where it went I don t know. I was arrested in Albany Sat. night bond was $37.00.

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Student Non-violent Coordinating
Committee

REPORT ON VOTER REGISTRATION, March 1-15

Because of missed connections at times and a lack of transportation for about half the time, we have taken only about five people to register at the county courthouse. However, as a result of a number of factors, about 30-40 people have in the last two weeks gone to the courthouse on their own. During this period and the week before, our circulation of leaflets urging registration and also attendance at meetings directed at organizing the maids of Americus, was high. We covered the Negro community and some parts twice. We have also used bumper stickers "One Man - One Vote" and window stickers "We are All Registered Voters" and "We Shall Overcome" pins. The atmosphere in the community seems to be a little easier now than several weeks ago, with the beginning of integration of the large Manhattan Shirt factory here. Rumors are flying now at the drop of a hat about Manhattan, the upcoming primary election and what the maids are going to do. White employers are making small concessions in wages. There has been steady but very limited canvassing, with moderate results. A lot of people have taken the initiative to do a small amount of canvassing in their own neighborhoods.

LEE COUNTY
Field Report
March 15, 1964
Ernest McMillian

3/7/64 - Arrived in Americus, Ga. that night. John Perdew was the only person in Americus. Had a session with him about the aims and plans of the Sumter County movement and S.W. Ga. and I finally turned in.

3/8/64 - Don Harris had arrived and I went to church with him. I was glad to hear the pastor give voter registration a couple of plugs. That afternoon after church John and I took advantage of the Sabin Oral Sunday deal and passed handbills at the places where the sugar cubes were given. We ran into a nice little ole' basketball game and played for awhile. Bob Mants came in from Ft. Valley and I went with him to drop some kids off in Sasser, Ga. That night Don told me that I would be probably working in Lee County.

3/9/64 - In the A.M. we spent time preparing leaflets to be distributed to the students later in the afternoon. Annie Pearl (forgot the last name) Bob, another girl and I leafleted around the Jr. High School and Elementary school. We rounded up some high school kids and canvassed the East Side of town. This was very significant to me because this was my first (official) work in canvassing and I would be testing myself and the techniques that I have learned. Surprisingly I did pretty good, at least I think so. Four people, after long sales pitches, promised they would " "reddish" and I promised transportation when it was convenient for them. This, I think, was my most inspirational job in Americus.

I found a cross section of thinking, enthusiasm, knowledge and hopes in the persons I talked with. I was disappointed in the other canvassers who didn't really talk to the people. They would say, "Thank you," and walk off when they would hear the answer "no." One lady who, at first, told me she didn't want to register really didn't know what it was all about - and when I told her the importance of it she said that she would register but that she just hadn't knowed the importance.

That evening Don and I went to Albany to attend the Mass Meeting and see Sherrod for the last time (he's a great guy). I was to stay over in Albany and go over to Leesburg the next day with Willie Ricks. He didn't show up but George Bess and Coolie (John Washington) asked me to come and check out "Terrible Terrell" for a day. I said O.K. and left for Terrell after the mass meeting. In Dawson I saw Carolyn Daniels house that was bombed and shot up. I couldn't really sleep well until I saw the sun's rays hitting the window. (Spooky house!)

3/10/64 - Leafleted in Dawson at the High School, and picked up quilts for the Cooperative they have in Terrell County. That night we returned to Albany.

3/11/64 - Willie Ricks and I left for Leesburg. We had a flat so we were using the Albany Movement Bus. In Leesburg we were to pick up some kids at school and take them to Smithville for a workshop. When we arrived at school we were called to the office of the principal. Mr. Lightfoot, the principal, is one of the best examples of a "Tom" that I know of.

We had a long talk with him about the school, his role in the movement, our role, education under the system, etc. He finally concluded that he didn't want us on the campus because the "man" and the F.B.I. had been bugging him.

We left his office but stayed and picked up the kids on the bus after school. When the kids were loading up Mr. Lightfoot came out screaming and waving his arms in the air. He made the kids get off the bus after we decided that it would be better not to cause a scene and not to risk the students education. We did, however, pick the kids up at their homes later and proceed to Smithville to the Workshop when the Bus went dead. It took up a while to get it started again so we decided not to meet with the other kids in Smithville but to have a little voter registration workshop in the bus.

That night Willie and I attended P.T.A. meeting and found ourselves backed up by the parents when the occurance of today was brought up by Lightfoot. Mr. James Mays and Willie spoke out against the system and Lightfoot.

The headlights on the bus weren't working so we spent the night in Leesburg at a friendly crib.

3/12/64 - We took the tires off Perdew's car (broken down in Leesburg) and put them on the Ford.

Took one man to register (78 years old) and met 3 people who had just registered. Canvassed a little in the rural areas of the county and ran across people who couldn't read or write, but were interested in learning how to read. Had flat tire, borrowed another tire from Perdew's car.

3/13/64 - Willie and I canvassed the morning and afternoon in the remote areas of Lee County. That evening John and Bob came to get their car - shocked to see only 1 tire left. They agreed to let us use the tires temporarily since the car motor was messed up.

Willie and I went to Smithville that evening to check on the house we plan to get. We will have key Monday (I hope). We stayed in Americus that night since it was closer.

3/14/64 - Left Americus that morning to Smithville where we gathered some local kids to canvass Smithville. Willie left for Leesburg to take some people down to register while I stayed in Smithville. Smithville looks very promising although fear is the main excuse given by non-registrants. I ran into more people who couldn't read and write but who expressed desire to do something about it.

Ernest McMillian - 333

NOTE: " WE HAVE 35 PEOPLE REGISTERED THIS WEEK! PRETTY GOOD " HUH?

We have several plans for Leesburg as well as Voter Registration.

1: Establishment of Citizenship school for approx. 30 people. I plan to write SCLC for aid at that matter.

2: Establishment of a "Maids Union" that will be similar to the one planned in Americus.

3: To bring in more adults through participation in Mass Meetings and Voter Registration.

PROBLEMS

1: Transportation (bad tires especially). Because of the great distances between houses and cities we also have a gas problem, and no money to buy it with.

2: Toms - (they are always a problem.)

3: Willie Ricks (smiles)

I guess that's all for now. Worth, send my check (if any) to 504 S. Madison Albany - until we get permanent housing.

LEE COUNTY
Field Report
March 15, 1964
Willie Ricks

Two weeks ago we started canvassing in Lee county, along with about 25 - 30 kids. All of them cannot canvass on the same day because of work they have to do around the farms. We have been canvassing mostly in Smithville. I have been working out to the school for some three or four weeks. There we have registered a large number of students but there are two times more students that need to be registered. We have been trying to organize the students and to get more kids to help canvass. The principle has made statements that he will fail students whoo participate in the Voter Registration campaign, and teachers have made statements that they will fail students if they get into "that mess."

The principal and the teachers have told all kinds of lies on the students to other students and to the childrens parents. Some of the kids parents believe the teachers, but the thing we have to do is get other adults to straighten the parents out when the teachers come and tell a lie. On the 11th of March we decided that we would go by the school and talk with the students. We were immediately called into the principal's office where we had to sit some hour and a half listening to him tell us a pack of lies and not to come on campus and why we shouldn't work on voter registration in Lee County. After telling him we wouldn't be back for a while we returned after school with the movement bus to pick the kids up to go canvassing and have a workshop. Mr. Lightfoot (the principal) came to the bus, stopped, pointed his finger straight up in the air and said "I tell you once, I tell you twice, get off of that old Freedom Riders bus." The kids told him that they had permission from their mothers and fathers to ride the bus. He said "I don't care, I don't want you on that bus. Get off." The kids refused to get off but I told them to leave and they did.

The following night, there were PTA meetings in Lee County Training School. I attended. Mr. Lightfoot got up to tell the problems that they were having in the school. Willie Ricks was the main problem. Lightfoot started to tell how I've been hanging around the school. Then he started to tell the parents how close I get to the girls. Then I stood and told him that I had something to say. After speaking and telling the people what my job was and what I had been trying to do, all clapped and cheered. James Mays followed me, telling what condition the school was in, and contradicting Mr. Lightfoot. The people liked him.

A week ago Monday we had 60 people to take down to register during the whole week. On Monday we took 19 down, after getting the people to the courthouse we had a blowout. NO TIRE, NO GAS, NO MONEY! So we were at a standstill, unable to take the rest down to register. We are still having tire and car trouble.

The following Friday, 35 people passed the test in Lee County. 24 others are waiting to take the test. By the time they get ready to take the next test we think we will have at least 100 more people waiting.

Willie Ricks - 222

We plan to set up a meeting with the adults of Lee County to try to get them to canvass or to do something to help the Voter Registration Drive, or to find out where they stand. We plan to try to set up a meeting with the ministers in Lee County, to get them to speak on voter registration in the Church. We plan to leafletthe whole city, churches, nightclubs, homes and put voter registration stickers on cars, to hang signs all over the county, and to do other things concerning voter registration.

Since I have been working in Lee County, at night I have to drive from 19 - 23 miles to another county to sleep. This costs alot of money for gas, as well as takes up alot of time that I could be using to work on Voter Registration. We have found a house that can be rented for $25 a month in Smithville to use as a Freedom House and office for Ernest McMillian and myself. It will cost less than $5.00 a month for utilities, and we would like to have a phone. I feel that it is very important to have someone living in Lee County while we are working there. The money saved in gas and wear and tear on the car driving back and forth from Albany should more than cover the rental on the house. In addition, the tickets I have been getting (false charges from the police who have threatened to "get" me) have been while driving back to Albany from working in Lee County. It seems that everytime I take a load of people down to register someone gets arrested, after being threatened by the Sherriff, superintendent of schools, or the registrar.

I have been arrested three times recently, on trumped up charges after taking people down to register. On the 7th of March the registrar told me that I would definitely be killed. "The best thing for you to do is to leave now while you have a chance." And then some man came out who the Sherriff called by the name of "Judge" telling me that I had better stop causing trouble in the Courthouse and get on out. After leaving the Courthouse we worked on the streets of Leesburg canvassing Voter Registration, Bringing someone back to register at 11:00 the registrar refused to register him and closed the office. The following Monday we took 8 people down to register at 10:00 in the morning. The registrar was "out to lunch," and "home taking a nap." The people finally got registered after 2:30. This is an everyday thing in Lee County. After coming from Americus to Leesburg to carry these people home John Perdew was arrested for "speeding."

Georgia FBI

The [redacted] has told one family that SNCC was there to "trick" them.

We plan to canvass with school kids at least three times a week; Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

WE ARE BROKE AND HUNGRY, GOING DAY BY DAY WITH NO MORE THAN ONE MEAL, AND SOMETIMES NOTHING. I HAVE BEEN SPENDING ALL MY SUBSISTENCE MONEY FOR THE LAST SEVEN WEEKS ON NOTHING BUT NEEDS IN THE FIELD., SO IF WE EVER SPEND A DOLLAR OR FIFTY CENTS OF SNCC MONEY FOR FOOD, DON'T GIVE US NO SHIT!

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March 26, 1964

Mr. Donald Harris
Project Director
Southwest Georgia SNCC
536 East Jefferson Street
Americus, Georgia

Dear Mr. Harris:

We have reviewed the reports recently submitted to this office. I hope I can make some suggestions which might make reporting more meaningful for all of us.

We know from past experiences that our standard reporting form does not meet the needs of the areas to which you are assigned. The narrative reporting procedure seems to be more desirable. Therefore, we are requesting separate weekly reports on each of the three counties in which you are working. In it, we would like the period covered by the report, the person reporting, and the county to which it applies. We would like your registration results (in exact figures), number contacted, means of contact, number applying for registration, number rejected, and the reason for rejection. We would appreciate your discussion of problems encountered, both with officials and in the Negro communities, and plans for solving same.

Are you having any success with citizenship training? Do you feel that the youthfulness of the workers assigned to the project gives impetus to, or impede, your efforts? What is the reaction of the white and Negro community to interracial teams? What is your assessment of the effectiveness of your approach to the assignment?

As a special note, could we ask you to inquire among the farm families with whom you are working if there have been any difficulties because of voter registration activities,

encountered in securing services offered by the Department of Agriculture, such as federally secured loans, crop acreage allotments, distribution of surplus food, etc. Any information you can get for us will be appreciated.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to communicate with us.

Your campaign seems to be showing meaningful results in spite of the many obstacles. We are encouraged, as I am sure you must be, by the enthusiasm of your workers and the local citizenry. Keep up the good work!

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Director

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S.W. GEORGIA
Field Report
Don Harris
March 27, 1964

Sherrod's leaving brought a deep sense of loss to many people in S.W. Georgia. This feeling was especially evident in Albany, yet certainly apparent in Lee, Sumter and Terrell counties. His deep convictions, religious as well as to the movement, have put him in the position of being the inspiration, the new gentle hope for many more people than any of us realized. His exodus leaves a large gap, ... a gap that will be hard to fill.

In this wake there are many things that must be pulled together. The thing that has been plaging all of us -- both in the field and apparently in Atlanta as well -- is finances. It has been increasingly difficult in the past month or so meeting operating expenses. Besides this there were more than $400.00 in back bills outstanding. All of the cars in S.W. Georgia (4 cars...3 operative; 2 buses...1 operative) were and are still in very poor condition and need major repairs. The one bus that is operating is now being fixed....$53.00.

Finances are being taxed very heavily by local police and the State Patrol. Field workers are constantly harrassed by these law officers who know our vehicles and take every opportunity to ticket the drivers. For the last month or more we've had to pay from $20 to $100 PER WEEK for traffic bonds and fines.

Some of this financial burden has been alleviated since VEP has accepted our proposal for Lee, Terrell and Sumter Counties and checks have become a realization. We are however, still in considerable debt.

The past year has brought a complete changeover in personnel in S.W. Georgia. Excepting for myself, not one of the on-payroll-staff was here last year at this time. Almost a third has been here less than four months. This quite obviously presents certain problems -- establishing ones own pattern of work without conflicting with the previous person; learning a community while trying to keep up with present activities; fitting into the particular community expectations of a SNCC worker. On the other hand, the majority of these seem to be stronger, less dependent and take more initiative than the staff of one year ago. It is significant too, that these people are responsible for the contacts we now have in Worth and Randolph counties and in large measure for the increased registration in those counties.

Because of the significant rise in registration since the first of the year the VEP has given the S.W. Georgia project a tri-county grant for a two month period ending May 2nd -- the date by which people must be registered in order to qualify for the November election. At the time of our request to VEP we could account for: 120 people applying to register within a 4 week period in Sumter County; 75 people applying within 13 days in Terrell County (less than two months after Carolyn Daniels house was bombed); and about 65 per month in Lee County. Those figures represent at least 100% increase over last year at this time. On this basis it seems that Mr. Branton of VEP accepted our proposal. We

have made indication that in this two month period we will attempt to register between 475 and 550 in the three counties.

LEE COUNTY (Last year registering 6 - 8 people per week while staff was out there)
Willie Ricks
Ernie McMillian

Willie Ricks has been working in Lee County since before the first of the year. The main emphasis has always been voter registration -- there are however other side issues of import that has helped bring the Blacks of the County together. One of these has been the situation at the school, Lee County Training School. During the cold months buses did not have heat on them and students after standing out in the cold had to ride to school in the cold. Not long after that the cold weather froze the sewage pipes, the bathrooms stopped up and overflowed; the cess pool overflowed onto the campus. Nothing was done for over a week. After the students threatendd a boycott the school was closed for eight days for repairs. Although SNCC did not take an active part on campus Ricks was accused by the school principal of disrupting the school and interfering with classes.

One of the major problems in working in Lee was that there was no place in the county for people to stay. This necessitated a great deal of needless transportation from Albany or Americus each day. There was also a problem of people being unable to contact SNCC except by calling outside of the county. Two weeks ago a house was rented in Smithville for $25.00 per month. As of this writing, lights, a phone, and gas has not been secured because there are no funds available. The rent has not been paid -- the man is allowing a month before the rent is due. It would be best if money was available for a long term lease. McMillian and Ricks have indicated that they can register about 60 people per month.

The population distribution of Lee County is such that there are virtually no centers or clotches of people -- all are spread out on farms or on plantations. Quite obviously this limits contacts and is costly in terms of time and transportation expenses. Because of distance it is also difficult to get young people together for canvassing, meetings, workshops or whatever. None of the young people we are now working with have cars of their own or at their disposal.

The large bulk of tickets to all of the field workers have come in Lee County. Very often after a group of people has been brought to the Court House the driver has been ticketed while taking these people back to their homes. One time the Sheriff, Dick Forrester, told Ricks, "I'm gonna get you!" Two hours later Ricks was picked up and arrested.

People in Lee County led by Agnew James, President of the local movement, have become increasingly confident and hopeful. These attitudes are being manifested by increased registration by local Blacks. By midsummer there is a possibility that Lee County could be used as a focal point and a base in moving out to neighboring counties..

TERRELL COUNTY (Last year registering from 0 - 5 people per week while staff was there)

George Bess
Johnnie Ruth Broner
John Washington

Terrell County has, up until Jan. of 1963, been an enigma. People have been shot, Mass Meetings have been raided, churches blown up, and SNCC headquarters shot into many, many times and ultimately blown up in December of 1963. In November 30 Negroes registered in one day. After the bombing early in December there was a lull; but only until Feb. 22, Freedom Day. On that day 42 people applied to register. Since then over 220 more Negroes have applied.

In February, Dawson experienced picketing for the first time. Although there was much cursing, steaming, blowing, they took it as best as they could. None of the picketers, all telling people to register and vote, were arrested or harrassed to any extreme. The serge in registration can be attributed to a number of things: The Terrell County movement buying radio time on WSWD encouraging people to register; intensive leafleting in twon and at the schools; and a more wide-spread canvassing campaign.

There are a number of other things "going" in Terrell which are significant to the development of the entire Southwest Georgia.

A quilting club has been organized in Sasser. About 15 women are making quilts that are being sold to whatever contacts we have. Thus far, contacts have been limited to friends and interested people that the S.W. Georgia staff knows personally. There is a need for this project to be called to the attention of the Friends of SNCC groups. The quilts are of good quality and would certainly sell once the project and market could be publicized. They are important in that they provide these women with a small but important income, plus they are cheaply made. Hopefully this program can be sustained through the summer. Also the women can, and very often get together and talk about the movement.

Mt. Mary and Mr. Olive Churches in Terrell (as well as Shady Grove in Lee County) -- all bombed in 1962 -- are being rebuilt and are near completion. It seems imperative that when these churches are completed (sometime within the next three months) a dedication ceremony must be held. The ceremony should be as well publicized as possible with as many "names" as can be gotten. The rebuilding of these churches by funds from people could and should be a symbol of the movement throughout the state of Georgia. It is hoped that the resources of the Atlanta office can help in contacting people. This event could give strong impetus to the areas now being worked and have long range implications for areas we have not gone into, but with whom we have contacts.

George Bess has made strong contact with people in Randolph County -- just West of Terrell. Members of the NAACP Youth Council which is active and carrying on a not too effective Voter Registration Campaign have been over to Dawson twice to attend Mass Meetings. A Mass Meeting was scheduled in Randolph this week -- at which John Lewis was supposed to speak. From what we understand an AME Bishop called from Atlanta and told the Minister

to cancel the meeting. Although this was an unfortunate and disappointing circumstance it seems unlikely that it will seriously damage any enthusiasm that the young people have now. George has been going over to Randolph about one day per week for the last three weeks. He feels that he can still be as effective in Terrell and perhaps get things going in Cuthbert (in Randolph Cty.) at the same time. As soon as more time can be devoted to Randolph (after May 2) we hope to have someone in Randolph on a semi-permanent basis.

An area of confusion to many of us is what, if anything, is being done about Carolyn Daniels house. Needless to say, she is quite concerned about it and what SNCC is planning to do. No one here is familiar with the financial arrangements that have been made between her and the Atlanta office. Clearly, this is an important matter that needs immediate attention. Alleviation of this would lessen frustrations of all persons involved considerably.

Terrell is now a place of much hope. Resistanct of the local authonities has diminished primarily because of the TWO injunctions against officials there.

On March 18th the County Primary Election gave indications that our work has not and will not be in vain. The movement had endorsed a slate of candidates. With the power of some 238 Negro voters it was hoped that Z.T. Matthews and Christie the Sheriff and the school superintendant could be moved. Matthews was re-elected, but Christie was voted out....by 200 votes...The winds,...they are blowing.

Soon it is hoped that this will be an area where we can spend less time in Terrell County and move further out into the district.

SUMTER COUNTY (last year registering 10 - 15 per week)

Bob Mants
John Perdew

Sumter County, primarily Americus, is NOT cold. This was shown last Monday night at a Mass Meeting...a special meeting on the Democratic County Primary election to be held the next day, Tuesday, March 24th. For the first time in many weeks there were nearly 400 people in Attendance.

Besides Voter Registration there are many things "going" in Sumter County as there is in Terrell. John Perdew, after much research and leg-work during December and January, successfully set up a meeting in Washington between one of the Vice-presidents of Manhattan Shirts C. and representatives of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union (affiliated with the AFL*CIO). There, with SNCC representatives and Mrs. Mabel Barnum of the Sumter County Movement a plan for hiring Negroes at the Am ricus plant (employs about 850 whites) was finalized. It was learned later that Manhattan had already begun plans to hire Negroes some weeks before the meeting in D.C. The meeting was important however, in that it gave us a direct contact with the

plant manager in Americus and enabled us to keep check on Negroes being hired and their progress.

Thus far some eight Negro women are presently working at the plant. It seems that the state employment service is making it a bit difficult for Negroes, that is, suggesting other jobs, telling people there are no openings at Manhattan, being unduely rude when people ask about Manhattan and so on.

Three Negroes have been fired since they started hiring about a month ago — because their progress was not good enough — and one has quit because she was not able to work while being harrassed and bothered by the whites. The Negro community is still not convinced that working at Manhattan would be such a "good thing." The fact that these people have been fired and that another person quit is apparently discouraging many people from applying. In the month or so that Manhattan has been open to Negroes at last count only 108 have registered with the employment service. (for a more detailed account of the Manhattan shirt plant situation see John Perdew's most recent report.) It may suffice to say here that next week we plan a more active campaign in recruiting people for work at the shirt factory.

Mants and Perdew have also made significant gains in organizing the maids of Americus. A few meetings were held to discuss the possibilities of forming a maids union. Although this has not materialized as yet, many of the white women have heard this and have given their maid raises. This has been an excellent basis for gathering many of the women of the community together.

Groundwork has recently begun in terms of filing a school integration suit. Parents and students have been contacted and three or four meetings have been held. Attorney C.B. King has spoken to this group once and indicated some of the legal aspects to this type of action as well as some of the possible ramifications. Hopefully, this action can be speeded up so the suit can be filed by mid-April.

Sumter County is still a highly volatile place. Young people are enthusiastic -- willing to work, if it is not drudgery. Not only young people have been asking "when can we start demonstrations again?" "I'm sick of this damn place man, lets do something." "When's the action gonna start again?" People are anxiously awaiting the summer -- when school is out and the nights are warm.

Adults have slowly begun to filter back into the Movement in Sumter County as a result of the patience and determination shown by both Mants and Perdew. They are more active than they have been in a long time.

One problem is that we still need to spread out more in the county and hit communities like Desota, Leslie, Plains and Andersonville, harder than we have. This is dependant of course on good operation of the cars and money for fuel.

The election this week brought many things to the light. First, that many more people were with the movement than had been initially thought -- Teachers, principles, ministers, and boys on the block. Not only were

there many, many people, but people were waiting to see what candidates the Movement was going to endorse. Next, from all indications there was almost 90% of the eligible Negro voters participating in the election. The system we had set up for transporting people to the polls was and contacting perspective voters seemed to be quite effective and nearly as efficient as could be expected. None of us had had previous experience with elections. Next time should prove even greater efficiency. Finally, people communicated with each other a great deal about the election, the candidates, and what the movement was doing.

Americus, like Albany, is still a hard nut. At the polls on Tuesday there were seperate lines, voters polls and ballot boxes for Black and white. SNCC workers were unable to park cars at the lot adjacent to the polling place although whites were. One SNCC worker was kicked, slugged, and bodily barred from the voting area (where 15 to 18 whites were standing talking) by local whites with the aid of the Sheriff (who was up for re-election) and several local policemen.

Of the slate of eleven candidates endorsed by the Sumter County Movement, three were elected. Two other offices were lost by 27 and 22 votes respectively. Many Negroes were turned away from the polls and told that they were unqualified for this election because they had not registered prior to the six month waiting period. The fact is, that many of these people first applied to register in June or July of 1963 and were not called back by the Sumter County Board of Registrars until November, December and some even past the first of the year in 1964 to take the test. Some persons were turned away who had completed their registration in early October, 1963. Both the Justice Department and the FBI have been contacted on this matter as well as all the circumstances surrounding the election. Both of these agencies have said that they will "investigate". There has been some indication that some few people did not go down to the polls at all because they were afraid of being harrassed or intimidated or insulted while attempting to vote. Chappell, the sheriff was re-elected by 300 plus votes — he will undoubtedly be all hell on Negroes in this coming term of office.

The election may well serve as a catalyst for an intensive Voter Registration Campaign between now and May 2nd. Many people called on the day of the election saying that they were not registered, but wanted information so that they could be registered and prepared to vote by the next election.

Americus has not yet reached its potential. There are many resources we are just beginning to tap;...some, still untouched.

(John Perdew has recently written a 15 page report on Sumter County and Bob Mants also has a detailed report on Sumter County and Americus for more specific information about personalities in Americus and a more complete breakdown on what is included here see those reports.)

ALBANY

Phil Davis
Phyllis Martin
Randolph Battle

"I don't think that we (SNCC) have done anything to advance the movement in Albany - no building or anything significant in the last three months. We have been conducting a sort of holding action, and not particularly successful at that. A majority of time is spent contacting the same people, carrying on the same activities as a year ago." - Phil Davis

Albany, and its people, have been badly used and misused by the movement. It has been coddled and nursed lovingly and also been left alone and in the cold at times of crisis. People are tired, bitter and frustrated. Albany has seen many people pass through; has said many good-byes. Dr. Anderson, First president of the Albany movement was the first and perhaps the hardest blow (he left last year about this time for Detroit); the CNVA Peace Walkers who suffered, lo, many months in jail -- warmed the hearts, raised the spirits of the Black community, and made a significant dent in the white community. (many whites wrote letters and made phone calls to Police Chief Pritchett and Mayor Davis demanding their release and safe passage through the city.) People of Albany also saw Willie Bolton come with the Dougherty County Crusade for Voters : come for four months, do a very good job, and then announce his leaving, say good-by, leave and then return. Then came the big blow - Sherrod. Albany has been a city of perenial good-bys.

Much of the tiredness and bitter feeling causes people to waste much time and energy. The threshold of frustration in Albany is very low. Much of this frustration is manifested by a growing feeling of nationalism, not only among "movement people" but "block-boys" as well. Slater King, President of the Albany Movement, projects increasingly his own frustrations in the form of blackness. It is not uncommon for him to quote Malcom X or other Muslim leaders or publically a dmir e some of t he Nationalist Leaders he has met in New York. Increasingly too, he seems t o be losing confidence in the philosophy of non-violence.

Sherrod's leaving as before mentioned, leaves a serious gap in Albany which will be difficult to fill in many ways. His personality was such that one less patient, less understanding, more concerned with organization and efficiency has great difficulty in working behind him. Sherrod was a gentle, doting, loving father to people, especially the young people of Albany. He was tolerant and forgiving beyond the bounds of rationality. Because of this, to a large degree, factions have developed among the young people. Some who consider themselves to be "his" favorites are now unwilling to work unless they are picked up and brought home by car. Others who were not his favorites refuse to work when the "chosen" ones are working. The nature of his personality also tended to attract more females than males to the movement, which leaves Albany's youthful work force in a position where there are virtually no boys actively participating with the movement. The only boys that do attend meetings or on the very rare occasions when they canvass are merely chasing the girls or seeking to keep their company.

Adults in the movement in Albany have not yet decided in their own minds whether or not someone can actually replace Sherrod and therefore have not made up their minds to trust or follow anyone else in SNCC. This, however, does not loom as an unsurmountable problem in that many people in Albany are still waiting to follow an outside leader rather than an internal one.

Voter registration in Albany is at this time difficult to assess. The Dougherty County Crusade for Voters has just ended an intensive four month registration campaign which added some 380 new people to the voting rolls. The money for this project has just run out and because of this the continued work of Mr. Bolton and his staff are at this time in question. Most of the canvassing that has been done has been lead or directed by Reverend Wells and Mr. Bolton. SNCC has not on its own initiated any of this activity, but rather worked in conjunction with the campaign. Reverend Wells, who some weeks ago lost his job at the Marine Base (because of the Macon indictment) had up until that time been spearheading any voter registration activity in the city. Since then, he has been traveling extensively in the second and third congressional districts and has been out of town much of the time. There has been virtually no canvassing or registration activity in the city since his traveling began. (Rev. Wells is now on the payroll of SCLC)

There are now between 5 and 6 thousand registered Negroes in the city of Albany. Unless much more personal contact is made with people, more systematic and efficient manner of canvassing is instituted, it seems likely that very few more Blacks will be added to the rolls. The point being that all the people that will register responsive to a superficial and not very thourough campaign have already registered. Voter registration is not a tangible enough issue by itself -- without Negro candidates running for offices, without the hope of having a majority of Negro voters someday -- to attract and hold a sustained interest.

An issue that may bolster the movement and bring some new hope back into Albany is the recent decision to integrate the first and second grades of the Albany public schools, and the whold of the vocational schools. Registration for transfer of schools will be held in mid-April, although some few anticipate people have already begun to inform the Albany Movement and discuss among themselves the new educational opportunities and advantages that will be made available.

The traveling that Reverend Wells has been doing throughout the 2nd and third congressional districts should ultimately prove to be of great value to us. In light of SNCC's planned expansion within these districts, these plus the contacts which we already have will provide the grounds upon which we can do much work within a county before establishing ourselves permanently in that county if it is necessary at all. District conferences have already been planned with representation from every county in the district. It is unnecessary to elaborate on the values and possible future implications of meetings of this nature. Suffice it to say, this merely broadens our base for future political action. There are good indications that C.B. King, attorney for the Albany Movement plans to run for Congress from the second congressional district. Quite obviously, his running could be used as a source to pull the district together, intensify Negro registration within the district, and add significantly to the political education of all Negroes in S.W. Georgia.

One of the difficulties in Albany at this point may be that Sherrod, a strong (yet benevolent) Black image has left. As of now there is no Black in Albany capable of taking his place. For obvious reasons Phil cannot and will not attempt to fill this space. Hopefully, Rev. Wells will be spending more time in Albany in the near future and will be able to take on some of this Black image. As said previously, the people have been used and misused badly. It seems not unwise at this time that we (SNCC) do not try and project the strongest image in town, but merely act as stimulants to the other forces.

In regard to future action within the City of Albany (as well as the other counties) see report on proposals for expansion and summer project.

AMEN

LEE COUNTY
Field Report
Willie Ricks
From March 28th to April 3, 1964

Rec'd 4/8/64

Since the last report we have been canvassing and working on Voter Registration. We have been working mostly in Smithville and around Leslie, Georgia. On the day s we were supposed to take a large number of people down we had car trouble. Then again we canvassed mostly the same people to try to get them to go down another day. Most of them are ~~xxxxxx~~ scheduled to go down on a Saturday a week ago but the car was pulled in by the State Patrol. We were parked on highway 19, the wheel was about to come off.

Last week we were not able to take any down due to the conference in Atlanta. This week the car has been in the shop in Albany. The car was taken out of the shop on Friday afternoon (April 3) we plan to canvass the morning of the 4th.

If we do not have any more trouble with the car or money problems we are planning on canvassing heavily in Lee County. Hoping that we will be able to carry at least 60 or 70 people down next week.

On Sunday a week ago, I worked at the Lee County training school. They were giving Polio vaccine. There were approximately 500 - 600 people out there. We picketeted and leafleted the crowd for voter registration. The following evening I leafleted a funeral. That night I spoke at two churches. The following week I believe that about 15 people went down to register. Maybe more or less.

We are planning on moving into Smithville on the 4th of April, hoping that we will be stationed there and we won't have to worry about transportation too much. With the help of God we will get some people registered.

15 People went down on Register from March 28 to April 3, 1964

April 3, 1964

Mr. Donald Harris
536 E. Jefferson Street
Americus, Georgia

Dear Don:

I am enclosing a news clipping from the Columbus Enquirer for your information.

Was the person attacked a member of your staff, or a local person cooperating with your campaign?

Let me hear from you on this at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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Rec'd 4/8/64

FIELD REPORT: TERRELL COUNTY
MARCH 2 - APRIL 6, 1964

FROM: GEORGE BESS

TO: DON HARRIS
WORTH LONG
VEP

Monday, March 2 Bob Cover and I took a lady to apply to register from Sasser, four other Blacks came into the office to reg. while we were there. Tuesday Cover, two local fellows and I went to Parrot to pick up three ladies who wanted to apply. Mr. Gordon the prin. at Sasser Elem School told me to leave the campus when I attempted to pass out Voter Registerion leaflets and Sncc VR buttions to students, i refused and the kids swarmed around me for the material. Merle Harris and John Washington passed out leaflets at Carver High in Dawson. Wed. night our mass meeting attendance almost tripled ___ now we must start trying to get Sardis Church or another church in Dawson on the east side. Ideally we would have the meeting in a differnent community each week. These plans were cancelled when the officers at Sardis kicked us out of their parsonage the next day.

Sat. March 7 twenty-two (22) people applied to reg. Senn the tax collector sent out cards notifing applicants that the Vr test would be given Sat. March 7 at 9:00-11:00 and 2:00 until. The test was given at 9:00 in the grand jury room on the third floor instead of the regular room on the second floor and the change was not indicated on the cards sent out to applicants. Three of the four doors to the Courthouse were locked. Instead of 90-130 Blacks taking the test only 40-55 took it. This "mistake" cut the no. of blacks eligible to vote in the March 18 primary.

I spent tuesday morning in theTC courthouse, armed with my pencil and pad being unaware that the test had already been given.

The Dem. primary served as a payoff for some of the physical and mental suffering Sncc workers and local leaders of the movement have stood. Of of six canidates the movement endorsed one of them won. The vote was 17-- for Lee Wall to 14-- for Christie for County Supt. of Public Schools. There are over 300 Blacks reg. in the county. The path is narrow and hard but we will overcome. We held out mass meeting in a night spot that Wed. night.

Carolyn Daniels and I are organizing a group of high school students for canvassing.

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Terrell

Since the election we haven't been able to turn out people in large nunbers to apply with canvassing, leaflets and a dance. Our election slogan was "get Christie and Z.T. Matthews" served as a concrete immediate goal to the local people and the Sncc workers. I've tried to project the idea of running Black camidates in the next elections with little success. That image was too abstract and far away. Now Aty. C. B. King is running for Congress in the Second Cong. Dist. Terrell County is in that district. He announced his campaign Sat., since we still don't have any transportation we can't take full advantage of his campaign immediately. Two city cops took two female students from Carver High with-out a warrent during school hours Tues. March 31, to let a white man tell them that they weren't the "girls" who stole some clothes from his store. We will capitilize on this incident.

Our '53 Ford is in need of some major repairs. We just got a tag for her today (4-664). We need three new tires for two of the worn out tires on it now are borrowed from community people. We need some work on the transmission, lights, gas guage, speedmeter and exhaust system. It took Sncc a week to get a tag, while May 2 is the last day to reg. for the elections. John has been in Albany since Friday, Johnny Routh lives in Sasser and we haven't seen each other since the conf., the morale of the workers in Terrell County is very low ____ we want to work but where is our trans. we have found out that we can't count on Halloway, Dec.Edwards and Carolyn Daniels all the time to help us out.--we must be independent!

We took 32 people down to the CH to applysince March 2. Local people reported that they took 12 people down since the same time. However, ~~we had~~ 28 people ~~who~~ siad that they would go down to apply if we could get them a ride! Forty-four (44) people have applied to register since March 2, 1964.

April 7th, 1964

Mrs. Barbara I. Whitaker
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

Most all of what I would have said here is I've already told you on the phone yesterday. However, there are somethings which I might try and bring out a bit more clearly.

As you have no doubt gathered from the reports we are having our usual crises, problems and difficulties. Some of the work has been hampered by just plain inefficiency. One thing that I feel has made it somewhat more difficult is my new role as project director. In any change there is a period of adjustment during changes in method, approach or merely personality differences. All of this is to say that I am aware that we are not doing (at this time) as much as we initially anticipated. I am aware also that we are capable of doing much more. Please do not misconstrue my point here and take the above as excuses for the lack of production. They are NOT!

For the first time in the two years since I've been in southwest Georgia we, as a project are within $30 or$40 of being solvent this was a long, worrysome battle -- an important one though, in my view, for better work and production in the long run.

I am sincerely confidant that in the coming weeks there will be a strong serge of Negro registration in southwest Georgia. C.B. King's candidacy for Congress from the 2nd district should have a tremendous effect. This week, exclusive of the campaign, we are buying radio time in Dawson and Americus to encourage registration before May 2nd. As you know we did this inDawson before and it proved amazingly effective.

Enclosed too, you will find reports on the three counties-such as they are and a very general report on southwest Georgia as I viewed it just previous to our annual conference.

I am hoping to hear from you regarding any questions or further information which you may want.

in the struggle,

Don Harris

504 South Madison Street
Albany, Georgia

Please excuse my inadequate typing.

April 7, 1964

Mr. Donald Harris
504 South Madison Street
Albany, Georgia

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Dear Don:

It was pleasant talking with you on yesterday.

Enclosed, you will find the information you requested on the Second and Third Congressional Districts.

Will you please send us the name of Merle Harris' replacement?

If we can be of any assistance to you at any time, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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Tp: Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

From: Bob Mants
John Perdew
536 East Jefferson
Americus, Georgia

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Re; Field Report
March-April

For the past two weeks we have been re-evaluating canvassing techniques and trying to find ways of getting more people interested and the most effective ways of getting the idea of voter registration over both to the canvassers and community as a whole. I have found that it is most most important that registration be conveyed in such a wayxthat people can see the results of their voting.

Pipes are being put in the Negro community for the very first time. To capitalize on this, we mention at our mass meetings, during canvassing, at church service, and any confrontation with people that this is a result of having as many people registered as we do. We stress that more ways of community improvement and more improvements in the community can be demanded with an increased number of registered citizens. It has been my experience that people are more responsive to things that are tangible, thihgs that they can see that have come about with immediate results, and things that they encounter from day to day, i.e., out-door toilets, out-door faucets, unpaved muddy streets, etc.

At our regularly scheduled meeting we ask for hands of the people that are not registered. Thus far our response has been positive. A number of people have either called for transportation or have taken the initative to go down on their own.
A telephone committee has been set up to help in our V-R campaign. Different people from different sections of the city have been given a list of people who are not registered. The telephone committee has assumed the responsibility of getting in touch with these people by phone- if they have one-- as we canvass these and other homes.

We are also planning t o involve more adults in V-R by having a Mothers' March For Voters. Some fifteen ladies have agreed to canvass for a specified lenght of time in order to get more people-- particularly their neighbors out to register,

Sunday, April 5, about fifteen youth canvassed for three hours in two different areas of town. About three hundred persons were contacted. Many were already registered, some illiterate, some had already failed the test, some promised to go down alone, others wanted transportation to the polls---about thirty.
A list of these names were made and an attempt was made to have the ones booked for Monday to apply but..... Mrs. Elizabeth Hartsfield, the county registrar, is out of town. Supposedly she is at Jekyll Island for a conference and is supposed to return Wednesday. It so happens that most of the people who needed transportation wanted to go during the earlier part of the week- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.
No one was left to take applications and the off ice was closed. So, for the next three days no one will be able to register. I plan to call the Justice Department today.

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To: Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

May 2, 1964

From : Bob Mants
John Perdew
536 East Jefferson
Americus, Georgia

MAY 4 1964

For the past two weeks our emphasis on voter registration has been concerted, mainly, in the rural areas of Sumter County, i.e., Plains, Leslie, DeSoto, Andersonville, and houses and shanties along the highways, and in the backwoods. Apporximately seven persons have been the usual canvassing crew-- two SNCC workers and five local students. We canvassed whenever the weather was permissable and whenever the car would run(at present the car is not running and a clutch is badly needed). We talked to people(most sharecroppers and tenant farmers) about the job opportunities at Manhattan Shirt Factory along with reminding them that the 2nd of May was the last day to register to be able to vote in the November election.

The response from several people that were confronted who, by the way lived on Sherriff Chappell's land, said they were afraid to registeR because they might be " put off the land". Another reply was that "my bossman ain't told me to go down, and I ain't going". While Perdew and another fellow were talking to a man working in the field, a white lady drove up and called to the man. She asked him"What do they want". Apparently she told him not to talk to us and he went back to his work without giving any excuse for the abrupt end.However, one can use his own judgement as to the text of the conversation between the lady who was obviously his "bosslady and the man working in the field.

A leaflet on which was printed the registration card and a leaflet reminding people to register before the 2nd of May was distributed throughout the county. Most of the people confronted accepted the leaflets. About two hundred people were contacted and about two-thirds of those promised to go register.

In the city of Americus, after heavy canvassing after school hours and distribution of leaflets, many people went to register on their own or call the SNCC office for transportation or information. The sample copy of the registration card proved very helpful in the sense that it lessened the fear of many who were dubious as to what the card consisted of.

Monday, April 27, after attempting to get five people to apply, the registrar's office was closed and a sign hung on the door "closed because of death in family". Disappointed and suspicious, I returned the perspective applicants home and later called the Justice Department. I spoke to John Martin who told me that nothing could be done about the office being closed if their was a death in her family. I became suspicious because last month the registrar was out for three days, supposedly attending a conference at Jekyll Island.

Friday, April 24, the test for registration was given About seventy people were called to take the test between the hours of 9:00 and 12:00. A complete record of how many people passed and/of failed had not been compiled as of yet. One problem that arose was, that many people who live in the rural areas did not receive notices ~~because the~~ until an hour or so before the testing period ended. (The postman delivers the mail and the notice around ten o'clock each day. Many pepple did not get notices until after ten and could not get to the courthouse to take the test).

Mants
Perdew

Wednesday, April 29, asI and five others were driving along while canvassing in the rural, we passed a state patrolman who, later signaled for me to pull over. He very quickly pulled out his pad and started writing a ticket and asked for my driver's license. After he had finished he told me that the reason I was stopped was because of faulty brake lights. I told him that nothing was wrong with the light as I applied the brake. Disbelieving me he applied the brake and found that what I had said was true. Disappointed because the "prey" had gotten away, he entered his car and told me that he had just written a warning ticket. The patrolman was, "Chappell", the brother of the Sherriff. Apparently, he had reconized the car and the bumper stickers that read, SNCC ONE MAN-ONE VOTE.

Disturbed as to whether or not another test would be given for applicants who have applied months ago and the ones who did not receive notices to take the last test which was Friday, I called the registrar, Mrs. Elizabeth Hartsfield. She assured me that the law required all applications to be processed twenty-five day after the deadline. We are waitng to see that miracle happen.

Today ends the registration for applicants to vote in November. Within the pass week some twenty people have been driven to the cou rt-house,, others have gone on their own, and there are an estimate seventy-five applications still pending.

Bob Mants

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TO: Donald Harris, Director, Southwest Georgia Project, July 23, 1964

FROM: Roy Shields, Jr., Cordele, Georgia

RE: Field Report, Week July 13 to 20, 1964

Monday, July 13, 1964 Crisp Co

I arrived in Cordele at about 4:30 PM and met Mr. Aaron Reid at the Rib Shack. Mr. Reid and I talked about an hour, in general concerning the direction of the Freedom movement with due reference to "The Negroes of Cordele and the Negroes of this country". The observations at this point are intellectual and emotional first impressions and are therefore biased.

Mr. Aaron Reid is a fairly well-to-do man and is as interested in "my people" as is necessary to obtain more power, i.e., a loud political voice. He is ultra-conservative with regard to demonstrations and direct action in obtaining his and the "rights of my people". And he is also an advocate of "look at our past progress" and go slowism. There is an avenue of communication between the whites and the Negroes. Mr. Reid mentioned being told by the white folk, "all you have to do is ask for what you want and they'll give it to you. I'm a man and so are you. You respect me and I respect you."

After leaving Mr. Reid, I walked around trying to meet people, i.e., men, boys, young and old, the established leaders. I met Mrs. Wright, Rev. Tripp (possibly strongman in the local NAACP.), the director of friendly funeral home, an insurance agent, and two local teenage boys.

Talking with Mrs. Joe Wright leads me to believe that she is pessimistic about the ability of the Negro in order to effect social change, however she did say that things are changing and younger people look at things in a different context. Rev. Tripp is very radical although uneducated. Rev seems to be ready for fighting or talking, and he likes to talk but knows that demonstrations are imminent. The funeral director was very helpful in that he gave me a list of the registered voters of the 1451 (Cordele) District of Crisp County, Georgia, Dated February, 1960.

The peace here in Cordele, I feel, is the by-product of fear; fear on both sides. Fear on the Negro side is due to his enslaved mind. Fear on the white side, I think, is due to the increase in the national freedom struggle and the desire to keep Cordele a peaceful place in which to live, yet maintaining segregation as much as possible.

Tuesday, July 14, 1964

The established leaders of Cordele are refered to as the (black) "fathers of Cordele". They are:

Rev. A. Woodson	Aaron Reid	Rev. Fuller
J. C. Hill	Ben Coley	Mr. Waid
Geo. Brynt	Mrs. Starling	Carolyn Clark
Carl Lawson	Sam Vantson	Rev. J. Tripp
Red Cheeks (ill)		

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Tuesday, July 14, 1964, Cont.

The masses of blacks respect the so-called black fathers of Cordele because of the tangible accomplishments, i.e., Negro Police (2) and "peace". These people are in fact established because they're well aged, ultra conservative, slow in moving, and are listened to by the folks downtown. They are looked up to by the Negro masses because they've some how found the courage to stand up and talk. I think the sole reason why they stand is that whites have forced them to - via Toming and holding the Negroes in their place. The younger people and a few old people recognize this and are therefore in rebellion against them, what they stand for, and in particular speaking for "the people" without first consulting them. The younger people also feel that there is no reason to ask whitey for their rights, their civil rights.

I've been told any number of times that my sole purpose is "voter registration" and that we don't want any demonstrations; you don't have to demonstrate, all you have to do is ask."

Facts: Lake Backshor is owned by the Federal, State, and County governments; 55%, 35%, 10%, respectively.

The people in open rebellion: the Negro masses, the independant Negroes, and the high school age kids.

Wednesday, July 15, 1964, ~~Entry~~

Contact was made today with the (ultra) conservative counterpart; Crisp County Voters League and its officers are: Booker T. Harris, Board Chairman; Walter Butts and Sam West, Jr., (Sam has worked in the past with SNCC in Atlanta); Leroy Repers, Transportation Committee Chairman; Anna Ruth Burton, Secretary; and Rev. Ulysses Fullwodd, President. In the voters league there are some 35 active young adults who have refused to work with and/or take part in any activities involving "the black faters of Cordele".

The Voters League is engaged in a limited voter registration drive. Rev. Fullwood said, "There are about 800 active voters in Cordele out of an estimated 1200 potential voters." Sam West, Jr., Rev. Fullwood, Mr. Clifford Lane, Jr., and Floyd Reeves said they(re willing in any way. I asked them to help me canvass immediately, but they couldn't. Rev. Fullwood authorized Floyd Reeves to make a statement to the radio, calling for a meeting of the young adults at a club the following night where I would be given the opportunity to speak. I canvassed the Negro community or as much of it as I could cover before dark.

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Wednesday, July 15, 1964, Cont.

I got about 17 names of people really interested in registering. Rev. Fullwood Also suggested that I speak at several churches in Bethel Mannis (sp?), Mt. Calvery, New Oak Grive and maybe the Church of God in Christ.

Mr. Reid mentioned to me today that, "I have a meeting downtown tomorrow with the city manager". I asked him if he would take me along and he replyed, "You are here to work on Voter Registration, and this is my business".

I asked Mr. Lane if he would be willing to transport people to City Hall to register. He agreed and also added that he would take as many people as would go and without pay.

= I asked Mr. Reid to help and he replied, "My car is ready to go," and in the very same breath said, "If they want to register they would walk", knowing damn well if these old ladies could stand the heat 98°- they would be in the fields and not at home talking about the weather and the two Negroes recently hired as police.

The new people registered:

Mrs. Leola Hillson (will work)
506 Apt.#A, 23rd West

Clemintine Bryant
1304 Apt. A, 11th S.

Enola Wooten
503 Apt. 2, 23rd West

Lanna Harris
503 Apt. 2, 23rd West

Louise Williams
500 Apt. 23rd West

Betty Nrford
564 Apt. 23rd West

Lilie B. Daniel &
Dennis Daniel
564 Apt. E 23rd West

Leila Lawrence
503 Apt. E 22 West

Mary Ann Rease
1304 11th South

Dorothy Dixon
1208 Apt. E 11th S.

Millie Thornton
1205 Apt. D 11th S.

Ruby William
564 Apt. B, 23rd Ave.

Cana & Ceabell Banner
1208 Apt. 11th S.

Louise Ford
1364 Apt. E, 11th South

Jessie Johnson
1304 Apt. C 11th South

Irene Robertson
1304 Apt. C 11th South

Gloria Deans
1304 Apt. 11th South

Thursday, July 16, 1964

There were some 20 people registered to vote in the September primary with the help of Mr. Lane (of Crisp County). It's interesting to note that Mr. Lane is a farmer and has also give me a hog for C. B. King's rally, tentatively scheduled for 24th of July.

Tonight I spent an hour talking to approximately 75 or 80 kids about the power of the vote and togetherness with reference to the city of Cordele and the number of un-registered voters. Tomorrow is the beginning of a massive voter registration drive by the young people of Cordele. I hope like hell it is successful!

Friday, July 17, 1964

The meeting called last night was a success in that there were lo kids working with me this morning at 7:00 AM until it started rainging at noon - and although it rained, a good partof the afternoon there were 30 people transported to register. Approximately 100 people registered by 5:00 PM. It's interesting to note that they were transported by kids in their own cars and at their own expense. These kids agreed to give their services again tomorrow by driving and canvassing.

Mr. Reid is terribly afraid that the kids will demonstrate. He found out about the meeting and was angry because I didn't tell him. Nevertheless, "There was more walking in and out of the Court House than I've seen in a long time", said Mr. Lane. The registrar (tax commissioner) seemed very nervous. I plan to get up and talk to some night clubbers tonight.

Saturday, July 18th, 1964

It rained all night and most of the morning and as a result the roads were bad and the securing of transportation impossible, nevertheless I managed to get 10 people registered. The kids went out with me, although we didn't canvass. I plan to speak in a few churches tomorrow; by doing so, I hope to fill the County Court House up with Negroes wanting to register.

Sunday, July 19th, 1964

Today is Sunday, and I spoke at four churches, Bethel - Rev. Napia's Chruch, Mount Calvery - Rev. Lowe, Morris Tabernacle - Rev. W. Mathis, andNew Oak Grove - Rev. McKenzie. All four ministers devoted a few minutes to re-emphasizing the importance of the vote and ask their respective members to go down tomorrow.

Sunday, July 19, 1964

Altogether, the message must have been heard by 225 people, ~~xxxxx-~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ I've a little faith in the group, nevertheless, tomorrow's success depends primarily on our efforts to get the people to the the Court House. Mr. Reid commented today on the amount of support I've received from the kids, adults, and businessmen of Cordele, "Son, I didn't think you could do it, nice job."

It is rumored that the white folks downtown, together with the black fathers are planning to run me out of town, (get the preceeding report from Mr. Howard) the reason given: "You've done more for Cordele in one week than they have done in fifteen years, and they are afraid that if you get them (Negroes) behind you that you'll demonstrate."

Two boys were arrested today for trying to integrate Dairy Queen. It's rumored that they were beaten by twenty whites, all boys, after trying to leave and were picked up. I plan to go to court to find out what happened (city court house on Walnut St.)

Monday, July 20th, 1964

Today is the last day the books are open to register peoplefor the Sept. 9 Primary. The registrar's office is open from 8:30. Today they worked through lunch. I find it difficult to estimate the number of Negroes who registered. I would estimate that 9 out of 10 applicants were Negro, and that 7 out of 9 succeeded in registering. There must be about 1,200 Negroes on the books now, meaning that approximately 475 people registered since the 13th of July.

Mr. Reid told me that he was leaving and I would have to move, since he was leaving town about 6:30 the next day to "go on vacation".

At 10:30 today I was in court and found that the boys had been released. They had been attacked by 20 whites, but were not beaten because they fought back, however, they were picked up. They were charged with disturbing the peace. When I entered the court, I didn't notice the imposed seating pattern and apparently sat in the wrong place, because I was told to move. I asked why, and the officer replied, "Because You are a nigger". I just sat back and relaxed. The officer told the judge that he had told that ~~x~~ "nigger" to move, and should he arrest me. The judge shook his head no.

Statistics on Cordele:

Total Population (1960)	17,673
Total Population (1950)	17,663
White Population (1960)	9,905
Negro Population (1960)	7,755
Voting Population	6,945
* Registered Negro Voters	890
Registered white Voters	6,055

* Adding those registered thepast week, the total would be 1,366.

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VEP 4-4 Reid
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TO: Donald Harris, Director, Southwest Georgia Project, SNCC
Wiley Branton, Director, VEP

FROM: Sammy Mahone and Sammy Rushin

RE: Field Report, Americus, Georgia, Two Week Period ending August 5, 1964.

Total number who have applied to register during two-week period: 77.

During the past week, there has been an all out effort to try and encourage nore Negroes to register to vote before September 14th. Some of the youths here in Americus have been working constantly on this project and are continuing to do so by means of leafleting, talking to people and canvassing in their own time.

From talking to some of the poetential voters here, thereis evidence that people in the Negro community here have in a sense awakened and they now feel that registering to vote is the least they can do to support the Movement. I think this is basically true because it takes less time with each individual to try and get them to see how important the vote is.

There has been little harrassment at the court house since SNCC worker John Perdew was beaten by a white last Friday. There are crowds of whites who stand around in the halls of the court house and point at us and sometimes make remarks. We are sometimes followed from the court house b the police or the State Patrol. The registrar tries to be nice but whenever people in groups of four and five come down to register she starts having these continuous coffee breaks all day long. Monday, July 27, we took 24 people down to register without incident, and the next day (Tuesday) we took down five more people around 10:00 AM. Afterwards, we came back with two more people and there was sign on the door saying "closed for the afternoon". This sort of thing happens every time when Negroes begin to register to vote in conceivable numbers.

Last Wednesday, 14 people were taken down to the court house and were able to fill out the applications which means that about 40 people have gone down to register since last Wednesday.

On July 30th, Thursday, we took 24 people down to the courthouse to make applications to register and vote. One lady had trouble filling out the application card and Sheriff Fred D. Chappell came into the registrars office and cursed the lady and told her that she didn't know what she was voting for. The same day, Sammy Rushin was ordered out of the courthouse by a white man wearing a gun. The next day, (Friday) we took down 15 people but only 9 of them got registered because the registrar started asking for identification and proof of age which some of the people didn't have on them. Later in the day, we canvassed and talked to some people urging them to go down and register on their own, or setting up a time and place where we could pick them up to take them down.

There were around 30 people who said that they would go register on their own Monday. We would have been able to take them down but our car had transmission trouble and most of these people needed transportation. On August 4th and 5th we canvassed parts of the Negro community trying to get people to go down on their own because we are having the car repaired now. We talked to a couple of cab drivers who said they would probably take some people down for us, and we plan to try to borrow a car if possible.

Thirty-three people have applied for registration since last Thursday.

TO: Donald Harris, Director, Southwest Georgia Project, SNCC
Mr. Wiley Branton, Director, VEP

From: Isaac Simpkins

RE: Field Report, Tifton, Georgia, Week ending August 5, 1964

We arrived in Tifton Monday afternoon. I meet several of the leaders of Tifton and Tift County.

Wednesday we spent the day meeting people, we went out into the county. We went to Cook County, also. We talked to about 94 people about becoming registered voters. I had t e impression that someone had already done a very good job in getting Negroes to register.

Today in Tifton they are voting on a Bond Issue that includes a new city library and recreational facilities. Tomorrow I am going to the tobacco warehouse because there are a lot of Negroes who sell tobacco. I will be able to talk to a large number.

TO: Donald Harris, Director, Southwest Georgia Project, SNCC
Mr. Wiley Branton, Director, VEP

FROM: Herman Kitchens

RE: Field Report, Moultrie, Georgia, Week ending August 5, 1964

In the past week I have been canvassing for voter registration and passing out leaflets trying to get people out so I could express to them the importance it is in registration.

During the past few days - from July 28 until August 5 I got 14 people to go down and apply for registration. At the court house I was greeted by the registrars and they told me in their county it was very easy to registar. On Friday I had 16 who wanted to go down, but they wanted me to go with them but I was unable to pick them up due to the fact that we are in need of a car.

There was a mass freedom rally here Monday night. About 170 attended. The purpose was to express the need for them to vote. At the meeting we were able to raise $30.00. We had a youth meeting here Tuesday and started a youth League to push for information on voter registration. We plan to meet that same group Thursday, then we will make plans to get people out to register and vote.

We are expecting information on cars that can be used to transport people. I feel that there are a lot of people here who will work for voter registration. I really need a car over here at least 3 days a week to take these people down to register.

There is little or no local leadership here. However, Joyce Harrington is sticking her neck out to aid in the community. And her family are with us. I believe that I can register 60 people a week from now to Sept. 9 if I have a car everyday. The people are not afraid to go with me and I feel I am need here to aid them.

TO: Donald Harris, Director, South West Georgia Project, SNCC
Mr. Wiley Branton, Director, VEP

FROM: Rev. Ulysses Fullwood

RE: Field Report, Cordele, Georgia, Week July 30 to August5, 1964

July 30, 1964

Today is Thursday. I left home at 10 AM. I talked to about 58 people, 10 were unregistered. These 10 will be taken to register on Saturday.

July 31, 1964

Today is Friday. I left home at 9:30 AM. During the day I talked to about 32 people, of which 28 were already registered. The rest will register Monday.

August 1, 1964

Today is Saturday. I left home about 9:00 AM. During the day I talked to 72 people. Fourteen were unregistered. Six people registered today, the others will go down on Monday and Tuesday.

August 2, 1964

Today is Sunday. I left home at 9:30 AM, to talke to people on their way to Church. I arrived at Church at 12 noon. I also made a speach about voiting. Sixteen people promised to register. This plus two who had promised before church makes a total of 18.

August 3, 1964

Today is Monday. I left home at 9:00 AM. I registered 11 people, and two registered on their own. Today's total - 13.

August 4, 1964

Today is Tuesday. I left home at 9:00 AM. I registered 8 people, and talked to about 85.

August 5, 1964

Today is Wednesday. I left home at 9:30 AM. I registered 2 people, and talked to about 25. At 12 noon I stopped to get ready for staff meeting to be held in Albany at 2:00. Total registered for the week - 29. People talked to, about 372.

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504 South Madison Street
Albany, Georgia
August 11, 1964

Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I have recieved the copy of your letter to Mr. Forman informing him of your approval of an additional $1000.00 for the Southwest Georgia Project of SNCC. Needless to say, I, as well as the rest of the Staff here in Southwest Georgia, was pleased at your decision.

I understand completely your concern over our activity in Partisan politics and appreciate anxieties that you may have in how this will affect VEP. Because of this, I have decided against using the money for a state WATS line and will use the bulk of it for transportation - repairingsome of the old cars so that they will be able to operate almost 24 hours a day.

For your records, for the week ending July 20, we could account for over 1400 Negroes registering within the 2nd District. A rough break down is as follows:

Cordele, Crisp Co. ---475
Thomasville, Thomas Co.---325
Tifton, Tift Co.---260
Bainbridge, Decatur---56 (3 days)
Albany, Dougherty---65
Moultrie, Colquitt Co.---150
Cuthbert, Randolph Co.---50-100

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"One Man, One Vote"

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Registration work in Sumter Co., Americus is continuing and, it seems to me that progress is being made. I am certain that by now your office has recieved some initial reports from our staff people, so I would just say here that we average between 30 - 40 people per week in Americus.

Because most of the people on VEP are new, some of the reports are not as complete as they might be. I will make sure, however that this situation is corrected.

I am still anxious to recieve from your office a break down of the voting population both black and white of the 2nd and 3rd Districts. JM please send

Hope to be hearing from you very soon, in appreciation for your confidence, I am,

Sincerely,

Donald Harris

Donald Harris

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"One Man, One Vote"

Rec'd 8/15/64 WB- Reid JS JM JT JDC

TO: Donald Harris, Director, Southwest Georgia Project, SNCC
Mr. Wiley Branton, Director, VEP

FROM: Isaac Simpson

RE: Field Report, Tifton, Georgia, Week ending August 15, 1964

I arrived in Tifton late Friday afternoon and arranged a meeting with the youths on Monday, also did some canvassing. During my canvassing I registered firve(5) people. The people I talked to were very proud of wh t I was doing. The most impressive thing that happened to me was that I met a lady who was eighty (80) years old and had been registered as long as she could remember.

Tuesday was to register fourteen (14) persons, but had transportation trouble, the car was unabel to move. Registering here is very easy. The procedure is very simple. The Clerks asks how long have you lived in Tift County, your name, MotherIs maiden name.

The people in Tifton are very cooperative.

VEP 4-4

TO: Donald Harris, Director, Southwest Georgia Project, SNCC
Mr. Wiley Branton, Director, VEP

FROM: Mahone & Rushin

RE: Field Report, Americus, Sumter Co. Georgia, week ending August 15, 1964

On Thursday, August 6, we took six (6) people down to the courthous to make applications to register and vote. There were no incidents except that there was a group of whites standing around the registrars office making remarks.

Since we had no car and no money to buy gas, if we had to borrow a car, which we didn't, we had to borrow the SNCC car for a half of day on Friday. Friday morning we took down twenty (20) people to register without indident. We got back to the Courthouse at 1:00 with 3 more people, the registrar's office was closed with a sign hanging on it. We took a picture of the sing to substantiate this. It has been five days and the office is still closed.

J. D. was contacted Saturday.

TO: Donald Harris, Director, Southwest Georgia Project, SNCC
Mr. Wiley Branton, Director, VEP

FROM: Herman Kitchens

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RE: Field Report, Moultrie, Georgia, Week ending August 15, 1964

Thursday, August 6, I canvassed for Voters and tried to get some youth together to form a Youth's League. I took five(5) people down to the courthouse to register. In the afternoon ~~xxx~~ approximately 10 people came by the house real angry because one of the fellows had ~~xxxxxxxx~~ been out to the drive-in and was attacked by two white youths the following morning, and he saw one of the fellows on the job with him and asked what was he trying to do the night before. At this time the white boy slugged him and they started a fight. Bathune, the Negro, was arrested and charged with assault, latter he was released and~~xxxx~~ charges were dropped, and he was fired. Bathune was employed at an Aluminum Plant that is pperating on Federal contract.

Friday, I went over to Albany to pick up leaflets about our mass meeting here on Monday night.

Saturday, I went down town in the morning to get people off the streets to register and was able to get five(5).

Sunday, was smooth and I went to several churches to tell the people the value of registering and voting.

Monday, I was able to get nine(9) people registered. It rained all day Tuesday and I was unable to do any work, however I was able to register about twenty(20) people. If I had a car at all times, I think I could have gotten more. We have had Mass Meeting here every Monday night and the people are ready to start some kind of demonstrations down town. I've been trying to tell them they are demonstrating when they ~~xxxxxx~~ go down and register.

There is no true leadership here but there are several people who has influence down town that we can get favors out of them. I rent was raised and our clothes were stolen. I gathered this was a warning to leave. We got most of them (clothes) back and everything is under control now. There is a great possiblity of starting just about anything.

I think that if I registered more than 10 people a day I am going to have trouble with the registrars here. Because now that they know my reason for being here the attitude of the people in the courthouse has chnged.

VOTER'S REGISTRATION REPORT

SNCC

TO: DON HARRIS, JOYCE BAIRD AND RUBY ROBINSON

PROJECT: SOUTHWEST, GEORGIA

FROM: GWENDOLYN BROWN

Beginning on the date of July 23, 1964, I officially started the Voter's Registration drive in Thomas County, however focusing my attentions primarly on the Thomasville area because of convenience of transportation. Our first endeavors was to get statistical data on Voter's Registration in Thomas County, which at that time we were unsucessful in obtaining, and this results has continued to the present day.

Betty Pikes and I then decided to go into the lower class Negro community of Thomasville and do survey work with personal contact and this proved sucessful in relation to feeling the mood of the Negro and his feeling for going down to register to vote. What I was able to find out was that the Negro is very little informed on the issues that can be brought out through the vote and that there is a need for training in citizenship in relation to voting. I was able to obtain a Voter's Registration list from one of the suppose leaders of Thomasville, his name is the Mr. Martin he seems to want to be a leader but he just isn't capable, but I do give him credit for trying to do something for the Negro community.

In the city of Thomasville you have about 2,500 Negroes registered and a all total of Thomas County you have registered 5,000 Negroes.

Now Thomasville population is 18,000 with percentage of Negroes being 45% making Thomasville have Negro population of 8,100. Now Thomas County population is 32,000 with 41% of the area of population being 13,120.

We have registered in Thomasville 94 Negroes in the past seven days with the weather very rainy making our effectiveness slow in many ways

and causing some of outside help to slow down its effectiveness.

Also there is need for work to be done in Cairo, Ga., which is 12 miles from the Thomasville area and I feel that we will be able to register some 300 people within the next two weeks if the weather will allow us to work as we have plan. Next week there will be a city election in Cairo and ther are only 500 Negroes registered in this city this the report given to me by one the citizen in relation to the number registered in Cairo.

I have noticed needs of the Negro community and they are not only the vote but I feel that the Vote is the stepping stone for success in the Negro community and I hope to reach our goals.

FREEDOM NOW
Gwendolyn Brown
GWENDOLYN BROWN

August 21, 1962--phone call from Andy Young who had just arrived at the ~~Albany airport~~ Atlanta airport from Albany. He said that just before he left Albany he had been told that the registrar's office in Albany was introducing some new procedures. He said that Negroes seeking to register were being asked to tell the registrar where they work and were being asked to sign a statment that they would not apply for some kind of federal assistance. He did not know what kind of federal program was involved. He said he thoought this request for info about the employer may be a part of the program of the new white organization down there. This new outfit has publicly stated that intende to take economic reprisals against Negroes in Albany. One public statement ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ of the organization mentioned specifically trying to get persons who employ Negroes to discharge them.
He said that he had not had the opportunity to get any more information on the new procedures because he had to catch the plane. Suggested that we call Calhoun and attorney C.P. King. He understood they were at this time having a meeting at the Albany Movement voter registration office to discuss the new procedures.
I called John Calhoun right away in Albany. He said that a woman had gone to register and that apparently in testing her ability to write the registrar had asked her to write the name of her employer, the kind of work she did, etc., and had also asked her to sign some kind of statment, or write some kind of statement that she would not accept money from the federal treasury. Calhoun had sent someone to interview the woman and he and King and Dr. Reese discussed the matter and they do not think that this one incident reflects any new shift in policy on the part of the registrar's office, but he says they will watch closely to see if any kind of pattern develops which might appear to be a subtle kind of intimindation. He said they have had a little trouble with the police not wanting the girls to sit at a table in the hallway outside the registrar's office and take notes on who registers and who is denied registration. However, he said that the girls, though they had had to leave on Saturday, went back this morning and had had no trouble all day. He said Laurie Pritchett would be back tomorrow and that he would try to clear up the matter of the checkers in the hall with him.

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TO: Don Harris, Director, Southwest Georgia Project

FROM: Herman Kitchens

RE: Moultrie and Colquitt County

The 1963 Census report shows that there are 34,048 people living in Colquitt county. However the number has increased in the last year. Now there are more than 3600 living in this county. There are 11,693 white voters living in the county. The number is increasing daily.

Colquitt county is mostly an agricultural county, on the center of six counties. There is a meat packing plant that is the first to be built in the South East, and still the largest, since 1914. It also has a peanut and cotton oil mill, metal processing plant, fertilizer mill, the most modern sulphuric acid plant in the South East. It also has a very large tobacco market. All of these places are operating under government contracts, and there is a lot of discrimination because of color and I think this c should be checked. Moultrie has more than 250 retail businesses, over 41 mills, 48 industries which employ over 1907.

OFFICIALS OF COLQUITT COUNTY:

1. ordinary --- Mattie Lue Ingram
2. Clerk --- W. R. Tucker
3. Sheriff --- D.H. Alderman, Jr.
4. Tax comm. --- Fred Webb
5. Supt. Schools -- Ray Bryant
6. Atty. --- Short and Slocumb

a. City Mgr. --- Lloyd Baxter, Municipal Bldg.; Phone:985-3957
b. Mayor --- William B. Withers, 119 St. NW, " " "
c. Court Judge --- Robert Cranfort
d. County Commissioners:
   L.C. Johnson --- Moultrie
   Dewey Baker --- Omega
   Jack Irvin --- Dorun
   Roy Murphy --- Moultrie
   Harris Perry --- Moultrie
   J.B . Mount, clk - Moultrie

Information on voting and registration:

A. Hoyt Whelchel Jr is the city Attorney and is in charge of voting here. Today I was able to get this information. On election day if a person is unable to mark his ballot because he can't read or write, two city managers would go in and mark it for him the way the person requires, one is for a witness in case someone wants to investigate it. Here the balot box system is used. Voting here is usually hedl in a Ware House or an empty building. At the polls segregation is practiced. Mr. Whelchel said

This was because the Negro voters lists are made up separately from the white and it would create a problem. I tried to get him to say this was only because they are Negroes.

B. Crosby is cleark and in charge of voter registration. By him I was told that a person of 17½ can not register. But if a person is 18 by the coming election he is eligible.

They have a good system. People apply and take the test at the same time. It takes about three minutes for a person to become a registered voter. The test is very easy. In the event that a person can't read or write they ask you twenty questions and you are only required to answer ten. The questions include items like the name of the President of the U.S. They use a standard registration card.

SMALL TOWNS IN COLQUITT COUNTY:

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1. Doerun	---	902
2. Funston	---	233
3. Norman Park	---	832
4. Crosland	---	127
5. Ellenton	---	429
6. Berlin	---	309
7. Moultrie	---	1800
8. Spence Field	--	not listed

In the past week I have been working mostly on the plantations here in this county. I find it is a problem to get people to register. Because the plantation owners feel they don't need to. I was able to get about 26 people off the farms to register on rainy days. Here in Moultrie I was able to take 51 to register. In the following weeks I am planning to work mostly on the people that work on the farms because to most of them this is something new and for the most part I think I will be able to get more of them. I have been talking to several of the local people and I found out that they have a voters league here on Mr. John Robberson is the chairman but he is being paid by whites that are running for different city offices to register people on an election day encourage them to vote for these people so I thought it would be wise for me to by pass this and form a new league. The town is filled with toms and it is hard to get any kind of leadership going. The following people are possible contacts:

Mr. Lee, who is a funeral director here.

Mr. Edward Starkley who ran for city commissioner and who had a good chance to win, but was bought off by some white candidate. Now he has a cab line and a cafe and promised to help in any way possible.

Mr. Robert Burke, who also ran for city commissioner and might have won but didn't have much interest. But most of the people think that he is a good man, and an ideal leader.

From August 12 to August 21, I have registered 72 people and there was an equal number of promises by people who would go down on their own.

John Due was here on August 19, and said that he was pleased with my work; he also gave me a few tips. In the last few days I have spent a lot of money on our car and I think transportation in Southwest Georgia has been left unattended too long. We need better cars to do a good job.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Crisp County Jep.

Period covered by this report: From Saturday 15th to Tuesday 18th

Person reporting RW Fullwood

Street Address Cordele City Crisp County Ga State

Date submitted: August 27, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Crisp county - the 15th big, rural people are in town -

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 25 to 30 people

Number instructed at ~~home~~ town 80 people

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places 250 a. Specify places in church

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 15 - 20 and may be more

Number successfully registered by this project this week 15

Number denied registration in this project this week about 5 people

a. Reason for denial they fail the illeteracy test

Number contacted by other means 80 people in town on Saturday

a. Specify means 250 people in church on Sunday

Number refusing to participate Very few 2 or 3

a. Reason for refusing to participate ~~Very few 2 or 3~~

the voting is for young people.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start

Number of workers in the campaign One

Remarks No transportation - there are 6 precincts in Crisp County and approx 100 - 150 un. Registered Voters in each ~~County~~ precinct

Voting Machines will be used this election.

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Crisp County Voter Education Project.

Period covered by this report: From _____ to _____

Person reporting Rev Ulysses Fullwood

605 23rd ave W. Cordele Crisp Ga
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: _____

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: _____

Crisp County and 6 Precincts
Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 69.

Number instructed at home 147 Fam

Number instructed at clinics _____

Number instructed other places 24 a. Specify places 35

at C Int. Swan - on 20th ave In Cordele Ga.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week _____

Number successfully registered by this project this week 19

Number denied registration in this project this week 1

a. Reason for denial Caught. Read

Number contacted by other means _____

a. Specify means _____

Number refusing to participate _____

a. Reason for refusing to participate _____

Number of persons successfully registered since the start _____

Number of workers in the campaign _____

Remarks We have set up a Car Pool for the Election We have (4) Stations. in ~~Each~~ ~~Co~~ the City of Cordele, We are trying to get (6) Cars to work the (6) Precincts.

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Americus & Sumter County V.E.P. Project

Period covered by this report: From August 17th to August 21st

Person reporting Sammy Mahone & Sammy Rushin

536 E. Jefferson St. Americus, Sumter, Ga.

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: August 22nd (Saturday)

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: 27th — 3rd Congressional District

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass Thirty - three

Number instructed at home Thirty - three

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 35 a. Specify places City Federation Club

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week fourteen (14)

Number successfully registered by this project this week (pending)

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means three

a. Specify means Telephone

Number refusing to participate Nine

a. Reason for refusing to participate ① Fear of losing job, ② Credit or ③ fear of being hurt.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 140

Number of workers in the campaign Six, (sometimes more)

Remarks

SEP 4-4

WBV
JMV

TO: Don Harris, Director, Southwest Georgia Project

Rec'd

FROM: Sammy Mahone and Sammy Rushin

SEP 2 1964

RE: Americus and Sumter County

The registrar's office in the courthouse is open again after being closed ten days. From Monday the seventeenth up until today, the twenty-first, we took fourteen people down to make applications to register and vote. We are now trying to set up a canvassing group made up of local youths who will be responsible for getting out voting literature into the community, and canvassing for voter registration. The registration office is set up in such a way that when a person goes down to register he has to fill out an application card and then he is called back down to the courthouse after two or three weeks to take a literacy test. This means that we have the names of people we take down, record dates, and notify them whenever a test is being given.

There are a few local Negro organizations in Americus whose leaders have been inquiring about how our work is going and they seem pretty much interested in the project, and from talking to them they have come to the point where they will at least talk to some people about going to register whether it be in their homes, their church or within their organizations. Hopefully we plan to get these groups to work part time on voter registration.

There are still the same fears that have been inbedded in the Negroes' minds for the past hundred years here, fear of losiing their jobs, their credit or fear of bodily harm to them which has happened before. On Thursday, August 20th, a friend of mine who was assisting me on taking people to the court house went into a restroom there and was followed into the restroom and beaten and kicked by the Justice of the Peace, J. W. Southwell, a former G.B.I. agent of Sumter County. The registra r now allows herself two hours for lunch when she originally had one hour. The Sheriff has made a habit or cursing and intimidating Negroes who register to vote in an effort to keep them from showing up at the polls. Despite this, the project goes on.

Meeting
Friendship Annex
7:30 pm Wednesday

Maids are the lowest paid workers in Americus, and there are more than 600 maids in this city. For sixty or seventy hours every week you sweep the floors of someone else's home, take care of someone else's children, cook their meals, and do a hundred other things--all for how much?--$10 a week or, if you're lucky, $20 a week.

But the White lady usually works while you take care of her house, which means that she comes home with $50 to $100 every Friday and gives you only a small part of that. She CAN afford to give you more. After all, her husband works, too. Does yours? or can't he find work?

By taking only $10 a week for your work you are buying all sorts of things for the family you work for, such as a second car or an addition onto the house, or a new set of furniture. Perhaps you have never thought of it that way, but that's the way it is.

What can you buy with $10? Look at your own house, the one you clean up after work--when will you be able to add a new room or paint the outside or get a car so you won't have to wear out shoe leather walking everywhere? Why can't you buy the things which you and your family deserve for your hard work? Why does most of the money in this city go to the whites? How does the white lady get away with treating you like a machine? Sometimes she doesn't even give you the few dollars you are supposed to get! Why?

You yourself know why a maid is poorly paid--it's because one person alone can't get higher pay, because she might lose her job if she demanded a fair wage. But TOGETHER maids in Americus WILL WIN the battle for decent wages. For a long time you have known that white ladies in this city can not do without you.

WHY NOT STAND UP AND DEMAND YOUR FAIR SHARE?

COME TO OUR MEETINGS AND HEAR HOW TO GET A DECENT LIVING.

Dr. Hudson –
Flora H
Student

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OHL

2-20-64

February 13, 1964

Mr. W. C. Patton
234 Hernando Street
Memphis 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Patton:

I have two questions regarding your letter of February 7.

1. What counties will be covered by the budget which you submitted for your April, May and June project?

2. What goal have you set over-all, and by county?

May I have the answers to these questions as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

Jean:

Write Mr. Patton for following information:

(1) What counties will the April-June projects be in?

(2) What goal have you set overall and by County?

W. C. PATTON, President
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

MRS. LAURA McCRAY, Secretary
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February 7, 1964

FEB 10 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton
Five Forsythe St., N. W.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

In keeping with our conversation on Wednesday, I am herewith submitting a budget for three months, (April, May and June). One week (July 6-10) campaign for the State of Alabama.

With the budget, we propose to work in at least fifty counties as we did last year organizing and projecting campaings for the first and third Mondays' in each of those months and this special registration week, July 6 - 10.

I am proposing that we employ one person to travel and do the organizing, and one office secretary for this period.

We would like to employ one person in each county for one week to direct the special July Campaign and we provide gas and oil for the director.

If possible, we would like to have a third of the total ($4300.00) by March 15, if it is impossible to give the total amount at that time.

With warmest regards, I remain

Yours truly,

W. C. Patton

W. C. Patton, President

WCP:ls

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

PROPOSED BUDGET

PERIOD 90 DAYS

PLACE: ALABAMA DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 1964

	STATE OFFICE	LOCAL, COUNTY WORKSHOPS	TOTAL
Salaries - Professional	$1200.00	$900.00	$2100.00
Clerical	600.00		600.00
Travel	450.00		450.00
Transportation		300.00	300.00
Office Rent	90.00		
Tele. & Tele.	60.00		60.00
Publicity & Promotion	125.00		125.00
Office Supplies	150.00		150.00
Printing Supplies	150.00		150.00
Furniture & Fixtures			
General (Lump Sums)	200.00		200.00
Postage	75.00		75.00
TOTAL	$3100.00	$1200.00	$4300.00

SUBMITTED BY: S.C. Patton

3-23-64

March 16, 1964

Mr. W. C. Patton
Alabama State Coordinating Association
1630 North Fourth Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Re VEP 4-5

We have agreed to make a grant to ASCARV in support of your April to July voter registration program leading up to the special July registration effort. We are not prepared at this time to state whether or not we can approve your $4300 budget request in full but we have every reason to believe that it will be substantially close to that figure.

In your letter of February 20, you listed 51 counties in which you would be working. We note that we currently have VEP supported programs going on in Mobile, Montgomery, Colbert, Dallas, Etowah, and Macon counties. While we may not be supporting programs actively in all of these counties through the July registration period it seems reasonable that we will be working in most of them. We, therefore, would appreciate knowing your honest opinion regarding the wisdom of your project's working in the above counties wherein we have programs going on.

In view of the fact that this program will be stretched out over several months we will require that you now use voucher checks such as we require for most of our other projects and we are enclosing a set of instructions regarding the use of these checks. We find that these checks can be printed in Atlanta at a cost of $32.55

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per 500, or $44.90 per 1000. We much prefer that you have them printed yourself if you find it convenient to do so and if the prices are competitive. If, for any reason, you would want us to have these checks printed for you here in Atlanta it will be necessary for you to send us a blank check showing the bank name, account name, and any electronic bank code numbers which should appear on them.

As soon as you inform us that you have your voucher checks we are prepared to send you an initial payment on your grant in the amount of $1,000 but it should be understood that the decision regarding the full amount of the grant has not yet been determined.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc.
cc: Mr. C. W. Lee

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JL
BW

February 20, 1964

FEB 21 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton
Five Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Attached please find the information which you requested in connection with our Alabama Program.

Respectfully,

W. C. Patton

WCP:ls

Encl.

3-26-64

March 20, 1964

Mr. W. C. Patton
President
Alabama State Coordinating
Association for Registration and Voting
1630 North Fourth Avenue, Room 622
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 18. We have also received a blank check from your treasurer, Mr. Lee, on March 19. We are placing an order immediately for your vouchers and you should get them by Saturday of next week. As soon as the checks come in, we will simultaneously mail to your treasurer, a check in the amount of $1000, representing the first installment on your grant.

Even though you may not be doing actual registration work in the six counties where we are currently conducting a registration program, it seems to me that you probably should have a field worker consult with the local people in each of these counties, and do whatever you can do to stimulate their own efforts.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jo

cc: Mr. C. W. Lee
731 S. Holt Street
Montgomery, Alabama

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March 18, 1964

WBV
JL

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Five Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

In your letter of March 16, 1964, you raised the question of the extent of our activity in Mobile, Colbert, Montgomery, Dallas, Etowah and Macon Counties in connection with this ninety day program. Frankly, I did not know that projects were still in operation in all of these Counties.

This being the case I believe, we should devote all our resources in Counties other than those already receiving grants.

I have just talked with our treasurer, Mr. Lee, and he has agreed to send you a blank check.

I thought we would have again had the services of Miss Doris Nelson in other spring effort, but circumstances have changed that, and we are now preparing Mrs. Thelma J. Williams to do the job.

All mail designed for our treasurer, Mr. C. W. Lee, should be sent to him at 731 South Holt Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

With warmest regards, I remain

Yours truly,

W. C. Patton

~~Mr.~~ W. C. Patton

WCP:ls

C. W. LEE, PROPRIETOR

Lee's Funeral Home

A DIGNIFIED FUNERAL SERVICE
CHAPEL - EMBALMING - AMBULANCE

731 SOUTH HOLT ST.
P. O. BOX 43
MONTGOMERY, ALA.

TELEPHONE 265-0756
265-0757
265-0758

MAR 19 1964

March 18, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir :

Mr. W.C.Patton, Birmingham, Ala., directed that I send you the attached blank check used on our Co-ordinating Association account of Special Funds.

Very truly yours,

C.W.Lee

C.W.Lee.

March 25, 1964

Mr. W. C. Patton
Alabama State Coordinating Assoc.
1630 North Fourth Avenue, Room 622
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Re VEP 4-5

The voucher checks were delivered from the printer this morning and we are mailing them to you today. As Mr. Branton informed you in his letter of March 20, we are also sending you, enclosed, our initial check in the amount of $1,000 as the first installment of this grant. When we receive the invoice from the printer we will bill your project for the cost of printing the checks.

The financial reporting requirements for this grant are the same as those you are familiar with through the NAACP program. That is, we will require that carbon copies of all checks written be mailed to us on Friday of each week and we will expect the first reporting to be mailed no later than April 10. All petty cash checks must be supported by vouchers indicating the purpose for which petty cash was spent, and this would be true also of checks written for such items as "general campaign expense," or any other designation which does not break down the items of expenditure.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

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cc: Montgomery Leblabama
731 S. Holt Street

W. C. PATTON, PRESIDENT
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

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MONTGOMERY, ALA.

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Alabama State Coordinating Association
For Registration and Voting

April 30, 1964

MAY 1 1964

Hon. Wiley Branton
Attorney At Law
Room 206
Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Please accept our thanks in behalf of the Alabama State Coordinating Association for the check of $1,000.00 as a part of the grant for the work we are trying to do in Alabama.

Please find attached hereto a receipt for the same.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Lee

C. W. Lee, Treasurer

Lee's Funeral Home
731 S. Hall Street
Montgomery 8, Ala.

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APR 29 1964 196

No. 12599

Received of Voter Education Project $1000.00

One Thousand & no/100 **Dollars**

For Grant for Voter Registration in Ala.

Previous Balance $

Amount Paid $ 1000.00

Balance Due $ 2000.00

ALABAMA STATE CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION

By [illegible]

NEP 4-5

April 28, 1964

Mr. C. W. Lee, Treasurer
Alabama State Coordinating Association
731 S. Holt Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Lee:

RE VEP 4-5

I enclose herein our check in the amount of $1,000 representing payment in full of the second installment of the above grant. We have decided to make the total grant of $4,000 and with this check, you have now received one-half of the grant.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton
Project Director

WAB:hs

Enclosure ($1,000 check)

cc Mr. W. C. Patton

5/23/64

May 14, 1964

Mr. W. C. Patton
Alabama State Coordinating Assoc.
1630 Fourth St.,North
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

On April 2, we wrote you requesting reimbursement for the payment of check imprinting as follows:

500 voucher checks	$22.55
Tax	.68
Total	$23.23

To date we have not received this payment from ASCARV. Will you kindly mail us your check for this amount.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

VEP 4-5

4-9-64

April 2, 1964

Mr. W. C. Patton
Alabama State Coordinating Assoc.
1630 Fourth St., North
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

We received the invoice this morning from the printer for the check imprinting done for your project. The cost to us was -

$22.55	500 voucher checks
.68	Tax
$23.23	Total

May we have your check to reimburse us for this cost. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jean Levine
Administrative Secretary

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May 31, 1964

JUN 1 - 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Esquire
Voter Education Project
Five Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Now that our funds are about exhausted, I would like to ask if you will be kind enough to send us the remaining two-thousand ($2,000.00) dollars so that we may continue our program.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Patton (ls)
W. C. Patton

WCP:ls

VEP 4-5

June 3, 1964

Mr. C. W. Lee, Treasurer
Alabama State Coordinating Association
731 S. Holt Street
Montgomery, Alabama

RE: VEP 4-5

Dear Mr. Lee:

At the request of Mr. W. C. Patton, we are sending you herewith our VEP check in the amount of $2,000 representing payment of the balance in full of the $4,000 grant which was previously approved for your Alabama statewide program.

Let me caution all of you not to make bills in excess of this grant, as this payment represents the total commitment of VEP in support of your program.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

cc: Mr. W. C. Patton

Encl: $2,000 check

June 3, 1964

Mr. C. W. Lee, Treasurer
Alabama State Coordinating Association
731 S. Holt Street
Montgomery, Alabama

RE: VEP 4-5

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Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

cc: Mr. W. C. Patton

Encl: $2,000 check

4-5

July 20, 1964

memo from w. c. patton

TO: MR. WILEY A. BRANTON

JUL 22 1964

Bumper stickers can be purchased from the following places:

In lots of 5000 or more $85.00 per thousand

Art Display Service
1025 Brush Street
Detroit, Mich.

$95.00 per thousand

Mr. John Key
3513 - 17th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

There is a man here who can order them, however, it takes from 7 to 10 days getting his order in, then another ten days or more before they are ready. His price is $325 for 5000.

I will be mailing some more reports to you.

file
VE 4-5

W. C. PATTON, President
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

MRS. LAURA McCRAY, Secretary
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA.

C. W. LEE, Treasurer
MONTGOMERY, ALA.

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July 23, 1964

JUL 24 1964

MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. WILEY A. BRANTON
FROM: W. C. PATTON, PRESIDENT, ASCARV

Under separate cover additional reports from Alabama are being mailed, still others are to be sent.

As I stated in my contract at the meeting of the State Grand Lodge of Masons and Eastern Stars, I discovered that many of these groups are doing nicely because of the stimulus they receive from this office even though they do not send us a progress report.

Shortly I will release some figures I secured from some of these persons.

In the meantime, I would like to remind you of our desire to have a film that we talked about on the phone.

I would like to also request another four thousand dollars to keep our project still operating until the election November 3, and after if we have the funds.

It is our hope that you will give favorable consideration to our request.

Yours truly,

W. C. Patton

W. C. Patton

Photocopy for Research files before filing

WCP:ls

P.S. Enclosed you will find a copy of the statement of proof that we have sent to the people to show that they have completed the sixth grade.

VEP 9-S
yellow

STATEMENT OF PROOF

STATE OF ALABAMA

_____ COUNTY ALABAMA

DATE: _____

This is to certify that I have completed six (6) grades of formal education which is the maximum educational requirement for registering to vote, as set forth in Title One of the Civil Rights Bill passed by the Congress of the United States in 1964.

_____
APPLICANT SIGN

WITNESSES:

_____

_____

STATEMENT OF PROOF

STATE OF ALABAMA

_____ COUNTY ALABAMA

DATE: _____

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APPLICANT SIGN

WITNESSES:

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ALABAMA STATE COORDINATING ASSOCIATION

COUNTIES TO BE WORKED DURING APRIL - JULY AND THEIR QUOTAS 1964:

		COUNTY SEATS	
1.	Mobile	MOBILE	1600
2.	Montgomery	MONTGOMERY	750
3.	Baldwin	BAY MINETTE	250
4.	Barbour	CLAYTON	250
5.	Bullock	UNION SPRINGS	300
6.	Butler	GREENVILLE	225
7.	Calhoun	ANNISTON	600
8.	Chambers	LAFAYETTE	100
9.	Chilton	CLANTON	100
10.	Choctaw	BUTLER	100
11.	Clarke	GROVE HILL	125
12.	Clay	ASHLAND	110
13.	Coffee	ELBA	225
14.	Colbert	TUSCUMBIA	500 - Separate
15.	Conecuh	EVERGREEN	100
16.	Coosa	ROCKFORD	150
17.	Covington	ANDALUSIA	150
18.	Crenshaw	LUVERNE	125
19.	Dale	OZARK	200
20.	Dallas	SELMA	50
21.	Elmore	WETUMPKA	125
22.	Escambia	BREWTON	150
23.	Etowah	GADSDEN	300
24.	Fayette	FAYETTE	100
25.	Franklin	RUSSELLVILLE	100
26.	Geneva	GENEVA	125
27.	Greene	EUTAW	150
28.	Henry	ABBEVILLE	125
29.	Houston	DOTHAN	300
30.	Lamar	VERNON	100
31.	Lauderdale	FLORENCE	150
32.	Lawrence	MOULTON	75
33.	Lee	OPELIKA	150
34.	Limestone	Athens	75
35.	Macon	TUSKEGEE	200
36.	Madison	HUNTSVILLE	500
37.	Marengo	LINDEN	75
38.	Monroe	MONROEVILLE	75
39.	Morgan	DECATUR	75
40.	Perry	MARION	100
41.	Pickens	CARROLLTON	100
42.	Pike	TROY	100

43.	Randolph	WEDOWEE	100	WEDOWEE
44.	Russell	PHENIX CITY	150	PHENIX CITY
45.	Shelby	COLUMBIANA	75	ASHVILLE & PELL CITY
46.	St. Clair	ASHVILLE & PELL CITY	110	
47.	Sumter	LIVINGSTON	75	
48.	Talladega	TALLADEGA	150	
49.	Tuscaloosa	TUSCALOOSA	200	
50.	Walker	JASPER	150	
51.	Washington	CHATOM	100	
			10,370	

August 13, 1964

Mr. W. C. Patton, President
Alabama State Coordinating Association
for Registration and Voting
1630 North Fourth Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

After reviewing your request for additional funds to continue your statewide registration program, I have concluded that VEP can make a supplemental grant in the amount of $ 2,000.00.

The actual payment will have to await my return to Atlanta next week but in the meantime I would like for you to describe your plan of operation with this supplemental grant.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

VEP 4-5
yellow

August 21, 1964

Mr. C. W. Lee, Treasurer
ASCARV
731 S. Holt Street
Montgomery, Alabama

RE: VEP 4-5

Dear Mr. Lee:

In accordance with my letter to Mr. Patton of August 15, I enclose herein our VEP check in the amount of $2,000 representing a supplemental grant to continue your state-wide program in Alabama through the October 23 registration deadline.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $2,000 check
cc. Mr. W. C. Patton

WB

W. C. PATTON, PRESIDENT
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA.

C. W. LEE, TREASURER
MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Alabama State Coordinating Association
For Registration and Voting

August 24, 1964

AUG 27 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Room 206
Forsyth St., N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

AUG 27 1964

Dear Mr. Branton:

May we express to you our sincere appreciation for the check you sent us from the Voter Education Project to assist us in the work of Voter Registration in Alabama. A receipt for same is hereto attached.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Lee

C. W. Lee, Treas.

cc: Mr. W. C. Patton

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Aug. 21 1964 No. 12629

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Two Thousand + no/100 **Dollars**

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ALABAMA STATE CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION

By E. W. Lee Jones

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October 6, 1964

Mr. W. C. Patton, President
Alabama State Coordinating Association
for Registration and Voting
1630 North 4th Ave., Room 622
Birmingham, Alabama

RE: VEP 4-5

Dear Mr. Patton:

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Will you please send us an up-to-date report describing the activities of the Alabama State Coordinating Association for Registration and Voting since your last report and inform us of any registration results which might have been obtained through your statewide program, together with plans for registration prior to the October 23 registration deadline.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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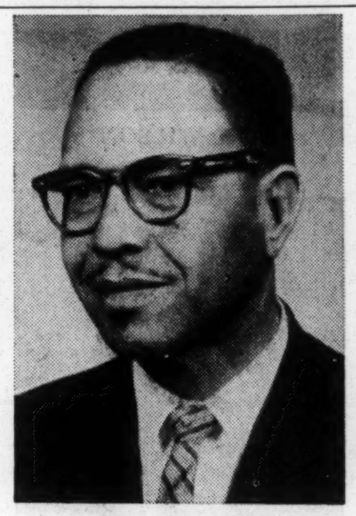

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REV. L. S. DAVIDSON FUNERALIZED

Funeral services for the late Rev. Lewis Samuel Davidson was held at the First Baptist Church, Dr. M. C. Cleveland, Jr., officiating—held at Selma, Alabama Monday, October 5, 1964, at 3:15 P. M.

Obituary

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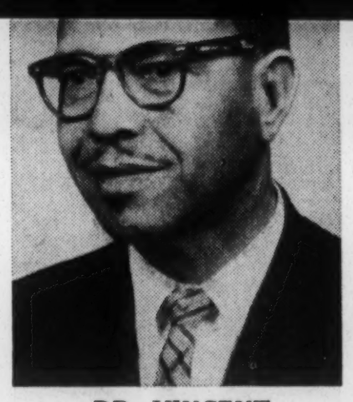
Theme: "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies."

Proverb 31:10.

Sister Mary Whisenant will be the mistress of ceremony. Sister Eleanor Heard will Introduce the guest speaker who will be Mrs. Geneva Sims of Pilgrim Baptist Church, Anniston, Ala., Rev. C. L. Sims, Pastor.

Footnote:

Each woman is asked to pay $7.50; men $5.00. Visitors what they will. All auxiliaries are asked to make their reports. All churches are asked to give $3.00.



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RECORD SESSION

The Auburn District Women's Convention held the 61st Annual Session at the Bethesda Baptist Church, Opelika, Alabam, August 11-14, 1964, Rev. R. E. Perkins, Pastor.

Tuesday evening, August 11, 1964, the Annual Pre-Convention Musicale, under the superlative direction of Mrs. L. K. Lovelace and co-chairmen, Mrs. H. H. Weldon and Mrs. H. H. Williams, set the pace for the best Convention ever with the very greatest musical program ever staged.

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ANNUAL ADDRESS OF

REV. S. D. WILLIAMS, B.Th., D.D.

Moderator of the Educational Progressive Association

Brother Moderator,
To the Educational
Progressive Association:
Sisters and brother in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

I come to you with my 2nd annual address, with this theme. "Service".

1- Service; Condition, Occupation of a Servant, also duty; how it is performed in an Office, 1st. spiritual, 2nd obedience and Reverence to God. Service is a profession.

(I) People are made choice to serve.

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Signed:
Dr. David B. Todd, M.D.., son
Mr. Marvin A. Todd, son
Miss Erma Jean Todd,
daughter
Mrs. Lorraine Todd,
daughter-in-law
Vickie, David III, and Cynthia
Todd, grandchildren.

EVANGELIST POWELL VISITS DOTHAN

Evangelist Joseph E. Powell of 543 N. Ripley St., Montgomery, Ala. visited Dothan, Ala. on Sept 26-27, as the house guest of the gracious Rev. and Mrs. H. Burrough Vincent who graciously ministered to his every physical and financial need. On Saturday afternoon Pastor Vincent took Evangelist Powell on a Contact Mission which resulted in responses from North Highland pastored by The Rev. W. H. Higgins; Adams Street, E. D. Jones. The New Bethel B. C. pastored by The Rev. J. W. Poellnitz and First Baptist, pastored by the eminent Rev. H. Burrough Vincent who has done and is still doing a magnificent job, and it does not yet appear what he shall be! But with his Christ-like Spirit and his will to reach down, we believe he will some day become the Angel of LIGHT to lead us toward the beautful Sunlight of ETERNAL DAY.

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Although we ate until we were all well pleased, there was a plenty left, and our plates were as Ezekiel's Valley of Dry Bones. Following this, there were the many expressions of enjoyment and pleasure coming from most of those who were present,, and those who did not speak gave a gracious smile of approval; we all gave each other our names and then the benediction was given by Rev. A. J. Ruffin of Urbana, Ohio.

Those present were: Mrs. A. M. Collins; Miss Fredrica

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All persons who fail to do so will be turned over to the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Charles A. Lett,

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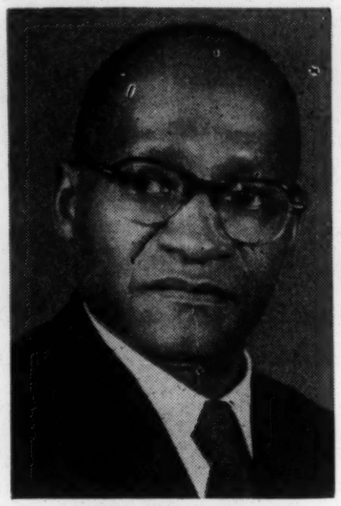
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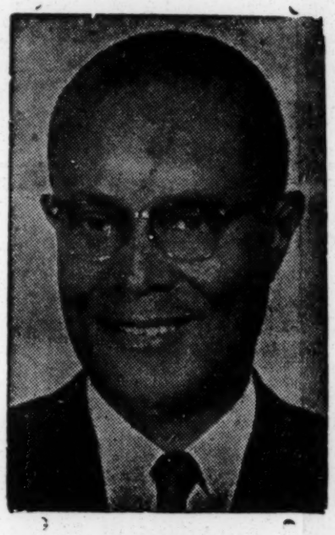
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9:50 Inspirational Address: "Sustaining Spiritual Values Through Christian Education".....Rev. F. D. Holley
10:10 Report of Trustee Board—Selma University
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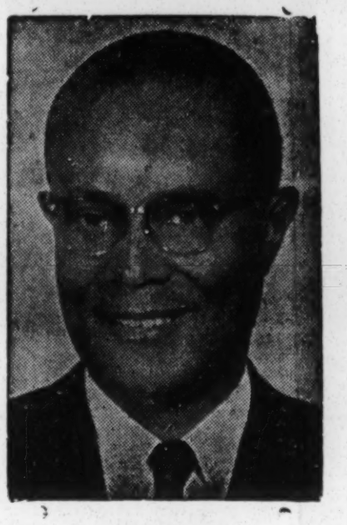

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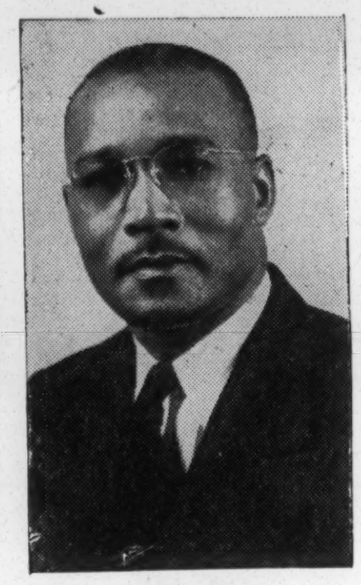

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4. Special money for the Auditorium-Gymnasium will be under the supervision of the Executive Secretary, Rev. C. A. Lett.
5. Board and lodging will be the usual fee as in the past. All delegates are requested to be on time and attend the meeting promptly so that we will be able to close the Convention at noon Friday, November 13, 1964.

PROGRAM
NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
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Response ..... Rev. R. C. Cunningham, Birmingham
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"Spiritual Values As Exemplified and Interpreted by Jesus."—I Corinthians 2:16
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Adoption of Program
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Appointing Committees
11:30 Introductory Sermon ..... Rev. J. L. Ware, Birmingham
Alternate ..... Rev. B. W. Coates, Birmingham
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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

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3:20 Reports of State Districts
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President's Annual Address
Recording Secretary — Corresponding Secretary — Statistician — Executive Secretary-Treasurer — Auditor
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1964
College Chapel and New Library Building

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The International Sunday School Lesson ..... Dr. Collier .... P. Clay

Remarks by—
Dr. J. L. Ware, President of Birmingham Baptist Ministers' Conference
Dr. G. W. Slone, President of Bessemer Baptist Ministers' Conference

Greetings:
Dr. Oley C. Kidd, Superintendent of Mission, Birmingham Baptist Association
Dr. H. O. Hester, Department of Special Mission, Alabama Baptist State Convention

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Solo ..... Mrs. Rosa L. Mason
Ribbon Cutting—Dr. Agee Hamilton, President of the Educationel Association.
Dedicatory Ceremony ..... Dr. R. M. Joseph

We must raise $5,000.00 leading up to, and including the dedicatory services.

DR. T. D. BUSSEY,
President

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
Sunday, October 18, 1964
"CHURCH OFFICERS"
I Timothy 3:1-13; 5;
Titus 1:5-9

Memory Selection:
Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.—I Timothy 5:17.

The local church is an autonomous body, subject only to Christ the Lord. This means that all the members of such a church are interdependent, members one of another, and that they have a corporate responsibility before the Lord. Churches, however, have divine functions and varied ministries. The fulfilment of their

W. C. PATTON, President
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ALABAMA STATE COORDINATING ASSOCIATION FOR REGISTRATION AND VOTING

1630 NORTH FOURTH AVENUE • ROOM 622
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October 16, 1964

Miss Jean Levine
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Levine:

Here with enclosed is the copy of the material with inserts put in by Rapid Printing Company, paid for by check 118 in the amount of $5.25 on September 16.

Yours truly,

W. C. Patton

W. C. Patton, President

WCP:mm
Enclosure

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October 7, 1964

Mr. W. C. Patton
Alabama State Coordinating Assoc.
P.O. Box 43
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Will you kindly supply us with a sample or text of the posters for which your check #118 was paid to the Rapid Printing Company, in the amount of $5.25, on September 16.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

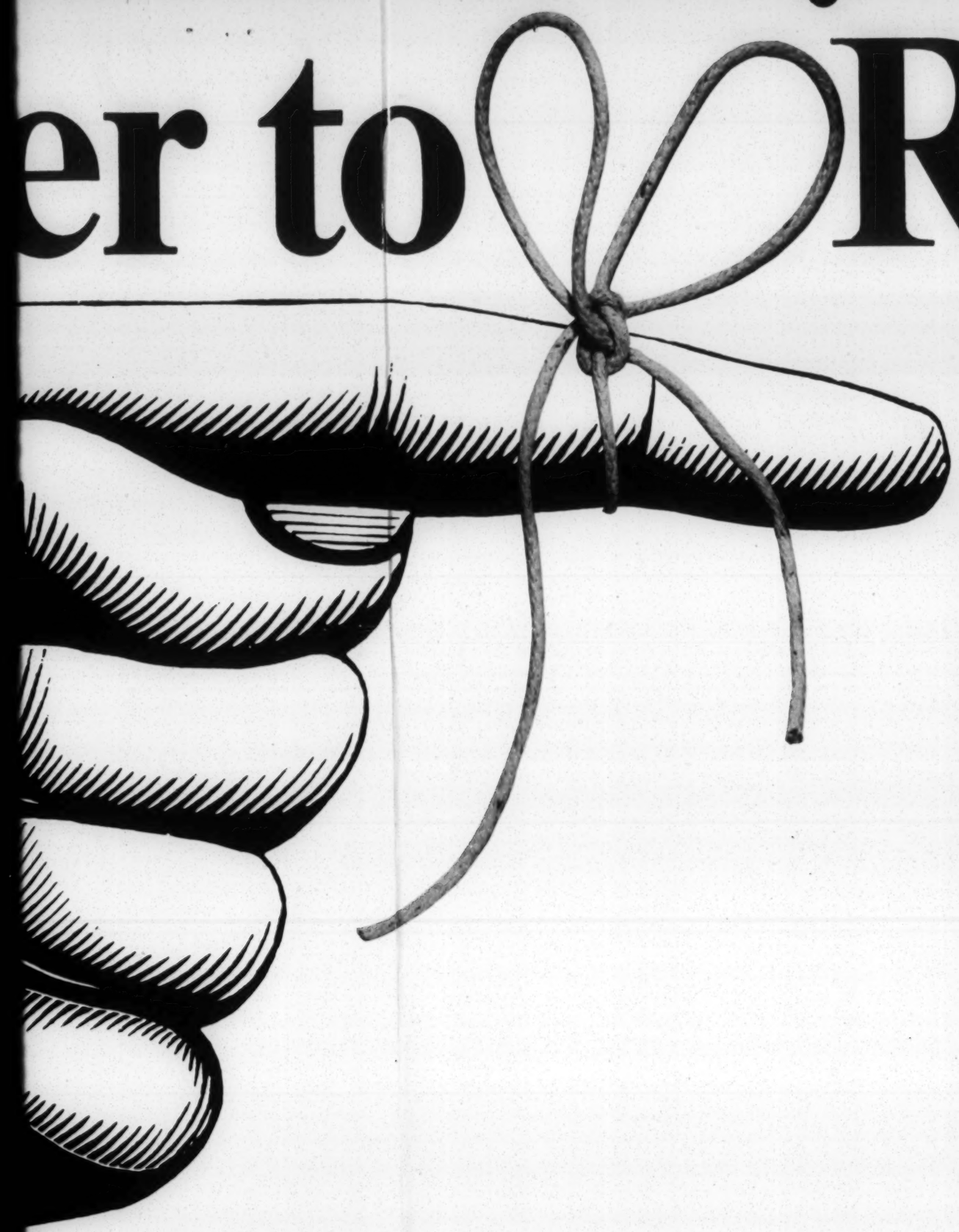
Remember to

THE AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

ADVERTISING COUNCIL PUBLIC SERVICE

Vote... and the choice is yours! Don't vote..

er to Register!



WHEN:

REGISTER NOW

WHERE:

County Court House

yours! Don't vote... and the choice is theirs!

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JL ✓

ON THE ALABAMA SCENE

W. C. Patton

Political Action October, 1964

Since our last report in August, we have concerned ourselves with recruiting workers to make personal contacts in an effort to get each worker to try and get twenty-five persons registered by our state meeting.

Letters were sent to some two thousand civic and fraternal leaders. We had responses from a few less than one hundred who agreed to participate in a contest which will end the third week in October.

Inserts, application blanks and other materials were sent to these persons, in addition to the regular community civic leaders throughout the state.

Monday, September 7 being Labor Day, there was only one day for registration in all Alabama except Jefferson, Mobile and Montgomery Counties.

Despite the fact that we had sent to all counties the inserts, questions and answers which had originally been designed for September, the Boards of Registrars, by direction of the Governor, sprang a new set of questions.

The new test consists of a total of 800 questions divided into groups of eight listed on separate sheets. The applicant is given the privilege of selecting a sheet of eight questions and must answer six of the eight questions listed.

VEP 4-5

Efforts are being made to get these questions, but it appears we will not get them until they have been listed in a court record of either the suit filed in Greene County or the amended suit in Jefferson County.

We are prepared to mimeograph these questions as soon as they are in our hands.

Despite the handicaps, we have had Mr. Frank Thomas of Mobile make visits to several counties in the southern part of the state between Mobile and Tuscaloosa, to stimulate the leadership in these counties. The same is true for Mr. J. C. Forrester of southeast Alabama.

We have had a few reports which were not very encouraging to come in and they will be tabulated and sent to V.E.P. We expect to get reports for August, September and October at the state meeting.

We have also been engaged in organizing on paper and preparing material for the poll tax campaign. Poll tax may be paid between October 1 and February 1. Persons between 21 years of age and 45 must pay poll tax to vote in the city, county and state elections.

FUTURE PLANS

We are urging our community leaders to give the last minute push to get as many persons registered during the week of October 18 as possible.

The books will be open on Monday, Oct. 19 only, for all counties except Jefferson and Mobile. In these two counties they will be open until October 23rd.

I have engaged Miss Helen Hayes to work in Mobile, Montgomery, Dothan and Decatur the week prior to Oct. 19. She will give full time in Mobile during the week of October 18th.

Publicity by way of newspaper and special church announcements will be provided for the entire state.

1630 4th Ave No.,
Rm 622
Birm., Ala

Rec'd 1/4/64

WB

December 31, 1964

Mr. Maxwell Hahn, Executive Vice President
Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hahn:

The Alabama State Coordinating Association for Registration and Voting, Incorporated, would like to apply for a grant to do a state-wide registration drive in Alabama during 1965.

The association is non partisan; it was established in March 1952 at a time when only about twenty thousand Negroes were qualified to vote in the entire state. Today, there are more than one hundred six thousand registered.

The organization is state-wide in scope and is concerned mainly with getting Negroes registered and to the polls on election day.

We meet semi-annually at which meeting we re-evaluate our program, introduce new programs, conduct workshops, and attempt to inspire the community grass root leaders to do a better job in their respective communities.

Our funds come mainly from the local communities, but we have from time to time been given donations from various organizations. These funds are used to carry on our work and provide material needed in the discharge of our responsibilities.

We maintain a year round office and execute a year round program.

You perhaps know of the extreme difficulty encountered by a person wishing to register here in the state.

A copy of the application blank and literacy tests are herewith enclosed. In fact, I am enclosing the answers to twenty of the one hundred sets of questions a prospective voter faces when he goes to register.

VEP 4-S

Because of limited funds, we cannot print a supply of these in quantities as we would like to, therefore, we will have to organize classes for distributing this information.

At our last semi-annual meeting, our keynote speaker was U. S. Assistant Attorney-General John Doar.

We have also had national figures such as, Congressman Diggs, Clarence Mitchell of the NAACP Washington Bureau, and other such personalities.

I would welcome an opportunity to further discuss this program. In fact, I will be in New York Tuesday, January 5, 1965. I may stop in to see you at which time I will bring along some other information with a proposed budget.

Our association is not a "Johnny come lately" nor a "fly by"night" paper organization as you can see.

We sincerely hope your foundation will give favorable consideration to our appeal and struggle.

With best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

W. C. Patton, President

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M E M O R A N D U M January 6, 1965

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: ~~Final~~ Report of Accounting on VEP 4-5 (ASCARV)

Grant:		$6000.00
Disbursements:		
Adv. Print. & Prom.	$813.96	
Fix. & Equip.	295.76	
Lodging	295.00	
Office Rent	93.00	
Office Supplies	609.15	
Postage	586.66	
Salaries	1977.75	
Tel. & Tel.	206.17	
Trav. & Trans.	568.31	5445.76
Unaccounted Balance		$ 554.24

The last check from this project was ~~#187.~~ 212

1/28/64	adv Print + Prom	45.16	
	Off. Supplies	106.54	
	~~#~~ Postage.	7.20	
	Salaries	160.54	
	Tel + Tel	71.73	
			391.17
			163.07
5-8-65	adv. Print + Prom.	19.20	
	Postage	40.12	
	Salaries	59.50	
	Tel + Tel	15.30	
			134.12
			28.95

February 22, 1965

Mr. W. C. Patton
ASCARV
1630 North Fourth Avenue
Room 622
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

I understand that the League of Women Voters of Alabama can supply the enclosed prochure in quantity at the cost quoted on the back page, in the event you are interested.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Encl.

Brochure entitled, "Are YOU a Voter?"

April 19, 1965

Mr. W. C. Patton
1630 Worth Fourth Avenue
Room 622
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

It appears that we have had no accounting from your project since about January 28, 1965, at which time you had a balance on hand of $167.07. We wish to close our account, and would appreciate your furnishing us with a final financial account. If all the money has not been spent, then please inform us as to how you plan to spend the funds.

We would also like to have an up-to-date description of your voter registration and political education activities for our files.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Financial

Ok - Remove from DC
WAB

ATTORNEY ORZELL BILLINGSLEY, JR.
Chairman

MRS. BERNICE C. JOHNSON
Coordinator

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JL ✓
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Ninth Congressional District

ALABAMA STATE COORDINATING ASSOCIATION FOR REGISTRATION AND VOTING

1630 Fourth Avenue, North — Room 622
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
PHONES 324-1691 — 324-1692

April 27, 1965

APR 29 1965

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
V.E.P. Project Director
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated April 19, 1965, I wish to state that our last accounting from our office was not on the date mentioned in your letter (January 5, 1965) but on November 11, 1964, at which time the last check issued was $40.00. This $40.00 was paid to Mrs. Maxine May for salary as a secretary. After this check was paid, a balance of $9.74 was left in the American National Bank of the Voter Education Project funds. A check with Dr. James Montgomery and the bank will document this statement. We are also including typewritten vouchers for the months of October and November. The original copies of the enclosed vouchers were definitely mailed to your office. Dr. Montgomery also holds his vouchers.

You also asked for an up-to-date description of our voter registration and political education program. We are still keeping our office open as a coordinating force in Jefferson County. We are open only three days each week. These days are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Contributions from various civic organizations at the precinct level make this service available. We are relying on clinics, door to door canvassing by volunteer workers, and community drives at the precinct level to get the people to go before the Board.

Registration has been low in Jefferson County since the initiation of the use of the infamous insert three, now being used in some counties in Alabama. Since September, only about 1,000 Negroes have actually qualified. I am not in the position

to tell you the number of Negroes who applied and were denied. I am without a courthouse committee since Voter Education Project funds stopped.

The Junior Crusaders of Jefferson County are being reactivated since we are approaching school closing. We plan to use the crusaders again this summer for our summer campaign.

I will be glad to send you further information as it is made available.

Respectfully,

Bernice C. Johnson

Bernice C. Johnson, Coordinator

BCJ:mm
Enclosures (4)

April 19, 1965

Mrs. Bernice C. Johnson
1630 North Fourth Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

RE: Jefferson County

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

It appears that we have had no accounting from your project since about January 5, 1965, at which time you had a balance on hand of $91.80. We wish to close our account, and would appreciate your furnishing us with a final financial account. If all the money has not been spent, then please inform us as to how you plan to spend the funds.

We would also like to have an up-to-date description of your voter registration and political education activities for our files.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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cc: Financial

VOUCHERS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

APR 29 1965

October 15, 64

Fifty-one - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 50/100 51.50

Maxine May

10-15-64 $51.50 Secretary salary
Withholding tax $8.50

Forty and - no/100 40.00

Bernice C. Johnson

10-15-64 $40.00 Transportation for Coordinator

Sixty-three and - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 61/100 63.61

Dial Finance Company

10-15-64 $63.61 Balance on 16 mm Projector

Twelve and - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 60/100 12.60

Lollar's Photo Finishing &
Supplies

10-15-64 $12.60 Reel for Projector

Vouchers For October and November - 2.

October 15, 64

Three and - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 40/100 3.40

Alabama Power Company

10-15-64 $3.40 For light bill

One hundred eighty-four and - - - - - - - - 25/100 184.25

Standard Duplicating Machines
Agency

10-15-64 $184.25

1 Redi Pak Gold Label
2 Redi Paks Blue Label
2 Boxes Positive Paper 8½x14
2 Boxes Negative Paper 8½ x14
24 Cans Black Ink
20 Reams White Mimeo Paper 8½x14
20 Reans White Mimeo Paper 8½x14
3 Quires Stencils
4 Reams Colored Mimeo Paper 8½x11
2 Boxes Negative Paper 8½x11
2 Boxes Positive Paper 8½x11
3 Bottles Correction Fluid

October 19, 64

Thirty and - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 70/100 30.70

Director of Internal Revenue

10-19-64 $30.70 For Withholding tax

Vouchers For October and November - 3.

October 30, 64

Fifty-one and - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 50/100 51.50

Maxine May

10-30-64 $51.50 Secretarial Salary

Withholding tax $8.50

Twenty-three and - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 38/100 23.38

Southern Bell Telephone and
Telegraph Company

10-30-64 $23.38 For Telephone bill

Thirty-four and - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 65/100 34.65

National Directory Company

10-30-64 $34.65 For Criss-Cross telephone
directory

Vouchers For October and November - 4.

October 30, 64

Ten and - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - no/100 10.00

Birmingham Postmaster

10-30-64 $10.00 For Postage stamps

Four and - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 57/100 4.57

Alabama Power Company

10-30-64 $4.57 For light bill

November 11, 64

Forty and - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - no/100 40.00

Maxine May

11-11-64 $40.00 Secretary Salary

Part of Jet Field Trip Report dated 9/25/64

DECATUR, ALABAMA: File VEP 4-5 (white copy)

Mr. Melvin Sykes - 1004 Banks Street, Decatur, Alabama - Mr. Sykes stated that there wasn't anything going on in voter registration. People are very apathetic; Will not go themselves, or be asked to go. Sykes states that the Negroes want freedom brought to them on a platter. He feels that a lot of work could be done in Decatur, but due to the lack of interest and participation of the Negro population in Decatur, it all seems futile. Mr. Sykes is disgusted about the way the Negroes refrain from participating in voting. He stated that many of them fear economic reprisals.

Mr. Sykes also said there was one segregation law on the books in Decatur, Alabama; and that is: A cab shall not be occupied by Negroes and whites at the same time. Other than this one law, Decatur is "wide" open for voter registration, public accommodations, etc., but the Negroes are content not to test them for their validity as acknowledged by the city government of that city.

Mr. Sykes has received correspondence to attend a voter's meeting October 18 in Birmingham at the Masonic Temple given by W. C. Patton of ASCARV. Mr. Sykes plans to attend and give a report that nothing is being done in Decatur because of a disinterested population.

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Educational Film Associates
2302 Keyes Avenue Madison 5, Wisconsin
(53711)

November 18, 1963

DATE
REC'D 11/21/63
R. L. 11/22/63
ACK. ____

Mrs. Jane Lee J. Eddy, Secretary
Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Eddy:

Congressman Kastenmeier has sent me copies of letters from yourself and Mr. Stephen Currier pertaining to the proposal for a documentary training film on voter registration for use by racial minority groups which we sent to our representative a short time ago.

Needless to say, we are extremely pleased and gratified that the Taconic Foundation is willing to consider our project. We will be more than happy to provide you with any information in addition to our original proposal which you believe may help you in evaluating it in light of your own interests. Your letter to the Congressman of November 8th indicates some of the questions you have. While I will probably not cover all the additional information you wish in this letter, I hope that the following will prove useful.

Educational Film Associates is a non-stock, non-profit corporation organized principally "to make, publish, and/or distribute documentary films of an educational or informational nature," and is incorporated under the provisions of Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The responsibility for the film would be divided among five individuals as follows: Mr. Stuart Hanisch would be the director of the film, and he and myself would do the cinematography, editing, and sound recording; Mr. George Vukelich would write the script and narration (the choice of a narrator would be made later; as we stated in our proposal, we would hope to get someone of national stature to serve this function, and your suggestions would be welcome); Mr. Richard Niebuhr would serve as unit manager of the production, and Attorney Lloyd A. Barbee as subject matter authority. Mr. Barbee resides in Milwaukee, the rest of us in Madison.

Mr. Hanisch has served as chairman of the housing committee for both the Madison NAACP Branch and the Wisconsin Conference of NAACP Branches. He is currently the chairman of the Minority Relocation Subcommittee, a statutory group required under federal law and established to protect the rights of minority group families displaced by federal urban renewal projects. He was appointed to the Subcommittee by Mayor Reynolds of Madison, and elected chairman by the Subcommittee.

Attorney Lloyd A. Barbee is President of the Wisconsin Conference of NAACP Branches. He and his law partner, Thomas Jacobson, serve as legal counsel for CORE in Milwaukee. Mr. Barbee has served as a special consultant for the national office of the NAACP, most recently to investigate police brutality in Benton Harbor, Michigan. He served as special legal consultant to the Governor's Commission on Human Rights during the administration of Governor (now Senator) Gaylord Nelson.

Mr. Richard Niebuhr is active in Madison NAACP and was just appointed to a three-year term on the Governor's Commission on Human Rights by Governor John W. Reynolds.

Mr. Vukelich is an active member of Madison NAACP.

I am currently serving as the chairman of the Political Action Committee for both the Madison NAACP Branch and for the Wisconsin Conference of Branches. During the past summer I served as a consultant on civil rights legislation in the office of Congressman Kastenmeier.

Perhaps more to the point are our qualifications as filmmakers.

Mr. Hanisch is presently completing a film tentatively entitled "To Teach." This film deals with the University of Wisconsin teacher training program, and is being produced through the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on a grant to the University of $5000 from the United States Information Agency. The USIA requested that this film be shot in integrated school facilities, and their grant specified that Mr. Hanisch was to be the writer and director of the film.

As a student at the University of Southern California, Mr. Hanisch conceived and directed an experimental documentary film entitled "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?" which was produced on a budget of less than $1000. This film has been awarded screenings at the Edinburgh International Film Festival, the Vancouver Festival, the Spoleto Festival, and received a Special Citation from the Creative Film Foundation of New York in 1961 (screenings at the above festivals constitute the only award that is made). This film is being distributed by Cinema 16 of New York City. I suggest that you contact Mr. Amos Vogel, president of Cinema 16 and a recognized authority on documentary and experimental cinema for an evaluation of Mr. Hanisch's work. I am sure that Mr. Vogel would be happy to arrange for your Trustees to screen this film should they care to do so.

Mr. Hanisch, Mr. Vukelich, and myself are currently working on a nature documentary about the Apostle Islands of Lake Superior, which President Kennedy recently visited on his conservation tour. We have been working with Senator Nelson's office on this project. We also hope to soon undertake a fairly limited project for the Cerebral Palsy Foundation here.

My own background in film work includes five years as a member of the film production unit of the University of Wisconsin's Bureau of Audio-Visual Instruction, where I served as writer, director, cameraman and editor.

Mr. Niebuhr was formerly film director of television station WMTV in Madison, an NBC affiliate. He is experienced both in the phases of production work per se and in the problems of administering a film production unit.

Mr. George Vukelich, our writer, teaches creative writing courses for the Extension Division of the University of Wisconsin. His novel, Fisherman's Beach, was published last year. He has published short stories in the following periodicals: Colliers, "Atlantic First" in Atlantic Monthly, The Sign, University of Kansas Review, and Best American Short Stories of 1955. He has written radio scripts for the Wisconsin State Station, WHA, and for the Canadian Broadcasting Company. His plays have been performed by the Trans Canada Network, the Prairie Playhouse of Winnepeg, and the CBC Playhouse. He has contributed articles to the Milwaukee Journal and the Capital Times of Madison, and is Associate Editor of Wisconsin Tales and Trails Magazine, a nature periodical.

Should our film project require any graphic art work or animated sequences, we can call upon the services of Mr. Bruce Cornwell, of Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin. Mr. Cornwell is the recipient of a Golden Reel Award (first prize) from the Film Council of America for his animated film "The London of William Hogarth." His film, "The Seven Bridges of Königsberg," was selected by the U. S. State Department for screening in the United States exhibit at the Brussels Worlds Fair, and his "Sets, Crows, and Infinity" was likewise selected by the government as an outstanding example of American educational filmmaking for the Seattle Worlds Fair.

To complete our background I might add that Congressman Kastenmeier is well acquainted with all of us, and can vouch for our work both in the civil rights field and as filmmakers.

The genesis of the project submitted to you must now be apparent. We are five individuals who jointly share experience in documentary film production and deep concern that human rights in the United States be expanded rapidly. We have come to feel that we can make our most significant contribution to civil rights by donating our talents as filmmakers to produce a film that would be both timely and genuinely useful. We chose voter registration and voter education for its inherent importance and for its potential as a cinematic subject.

Not knowing where to seek funds for such a project, we wrote our Congressman in the hope that he might have some suggestions. Accordingly he submitted our proposal to the United Auto Workers and to the Potomac Institute. The former said that they had no funds for film production at present; the latter suggested contacting your foundation. Hence our proposal is now before your foundation alone, and there are no financial commitments to it.

As regards the present state of the project, we are prepared to begin at once. The film essentially involves two types of shooting: the expositional material, that is, the explanatory training sequences which comprise the main body, and which can easily be filmed at any time during the

production since they are shot under highly controlled conditions, and the purely documentary sequences used for motivational purposes to introduce and close the film, which must be shot on real locations under largely uncontrolled conditions. We would begin shooting the latter first, and script writing would go on in detail concurrently with this filming. We have acquaintances among school teachers and other professional people who live and work in the "core" or ghetto areas of Milwaukee and Chicago. They have aided us in thoroughly scouting these areas already and we have thus located many situations and artifacts which have cinematic potential. With their assistance we can begin gathering this material without delay, and we have no doubt that it will have the impact needed to make the film effective.

We have calculated that $5000 would cover the cost of film stock and other materials, laboratory fees, and basic living expenses while shooting on location. This sum would carry the project through the point at which a master negative of the complete film would be deposited in a laboratory vault, from which any number of prints could be struck. As I said before, we are ready to begin at once, but none of us possesses the resources to actually get the project underway until we know that its cost will be completely underwritten.

Once the master negative reposes in the laboratory vault, there are several ways in which distribution could proceed. The important objective to bear in mind is, of course, that one or more prints get into the hands of those who will use them in every city with a substantial minority group population. The ownership of the master negative could either revert to your foundation, or it could remain with our tax-exempt corporation. The best scheme seems to us to be the following: the master negative would be owned either by you or by us, and rights to strike prints from it would be extended to any responsible organization that desired them, with your permission. Thus, for example, unions, NAACP, CORE, and the League of Women Voters could all be extended the right to order prints directly from the laboratory. The laboratory would ship the prints to the cities as requested and would bill the organizations directly. In this way they would get prints at cost, and there would be no middle-man distributor making profit on print sales. Since funds for the civil rights movement have always been limited, we believe that getting prints into circulation at cost is the most important objective of distribution. The laboratory charge for one print with reel and protective can would run from $30 to a maximum of $50. With heavy use and normal care, the print would last from three to five years, and could reasonably be expected to be seen by many thousands of people.

I will be happy to go into further detail on the ways the film might be distributed if you wish. There are several feasible alternatives, and the problem is one of examining and selecting the best of them. No doubt your foundation has valuable experience and suggestions in this regard. We are, of course, amenable to your desires as far as distribution is concerned.

I hope that I have answered the questions you raised in your letter to Congressman Kastenmeier. If there are other points which you would like to have covered, please do not hesitate to write me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

George Alez

George Alez

cc: Hon. R. W. Kastenmeier

SPECIFICATIONS

for a proposed film on voter registration
for use by urban racial minority groups

Length and stock: 16 mm. black and white, sound track, 25-30 minutes long.

Completion: Script and shooting in late fall, editing in winter, ready for release by March, 1964. This would assure that the film would be available in time to be used in conjunction with voter registration drives during the summer and fall of 1964. The principle short-run objective of the film is to make an impact in registration for the 1964 November presidential and congressional elections. The film's general usefulness would, of course, extend well beyond the 1964 elections.

Distribution: A variety of sources can be used to secure wide distribution of the film. A combination of all of the following should be utilized:

1. We anticipate that the film could readily be placed with civil rights organizations, labor unions, and other national groups who circulate films of interest to their membership. These organizations would in turn encourage their local affiliates to use the film, and would make prints available to them free of charge.
2. State universities maintain film libraries which supply documentary and education films to individuals, organizations, and schools in their state, usually at very nominal rental rates.
3. Many city libraries, and especially those in the large cities at which we are aiming, maintain film libraries for use in their communities.
4. Several commercial distributors specialize in renting short films to private groups, clubs, organizations, and the like. Their rates would be somewhat higher than those of the other potential distributors, but they too would be low enough for even a small local group to manage (probably about $10 rental).

Utilization: The major outlets for spreading the film's message are quite varied. We believe the following can and would utilize the film profitably:

1. The major outlet we envisage is the homogeneous group or organization whose members know one another. To this category belong local labor unions, NAACP Branches, Urban League groups, CORE chapters, social and fraternal clubs, neighborhood voter's leagues, and the like. Many of these could be serviced by their national headquarters.
2. A second principle outlet would be Negro and other minority group church congregations.
3. Branch libraries and community centers in ghetto areas would make effective use of the film in their programs. The film might also be shown in precinct polling places such as fire stations and schools as a part of community sponsored voter education programs.
4. Some civil rights and neighborhood improvement organizations sponsor their own registration and voter education classes among minority groups. This film would be an invaluable tool for them, allowing them to teach more people with greater clarity, impact, and retention, in less time.

Potential marginal users are the following:

1. The large cities to which the film is principally directed have educational television stations which could make the film a part of their programming.

2. Commercial television stations are required to devote a portion of their broadcast time to public service programming, and the film could be utilized in this fashion.

3. Another potentially valuable outlet would be to use the film in the high school civics class curriculum in ghetto or de facto segregated schools.

In a class by itself would be use by student clubs as a part of their extracurricular activities. Many university and college campus organizations would be especially anxious to use such a film. The high school and college audience is an important one for several reasons. First, these students constitute a highly receptive group of potential voters on the verge of accepting adult responsibilities who are at the point in their lives when their knowledge of and interest in government is high. Second, every student has two eligible and potentially non-registered parents whom he can help and encourage to register, not to mention innumerable relatives and neighbors. Third, registration drives and voter canvasses depend heavily on high school and college students for their manpower, and this film would serve them as both primer and inspiration for such service. Few would doubt that it is students who are bearing the brunt of the civil rights revolution now underway.

We wish to emphasize that the most effective use of this film will be as an integral part of a total program. Though the film should prove effective alone, it will realize its fullest potential as a contributing factor to the impetus, knowledge, and encouragement needed for a successful registration drive. The film should at once stimulate the workers on the drive and pave the way for them. It should serve to break down suspicion, antagonism, and resistance among unregistered voters so that they will look forward to the canvasser's arrival, welcome him, and readily take part. Ideally, the film should make it possible for the vote drive workers to cover more people in less time and accomplish their task more thoroughly and efficiently with far less frustration, and far more fruit to show for their efforts.

Cost: $5,000. This amount would cover all production costs from preproduction research and scripting right up to release of prints of the finished film. Those familiar with production costs will recognize that this is very low for a full scale half-hour film. There are two reasons for this: 1) our production unit is compact and flexible, and 2) we are not concerned with showing a profit on this particular project.

Here, too, we wish to point out how economical this approach is. A $5000 film will reach more people with greater, more lasting impact and more information than the same sum spent on pamphlets, posters, or any other means of reaching the unregistered voter with the exception of face-to-face confrontation. We believe that widespread use of this film in conjunction with door-to-door canvassing offers the best means of making a significant contribution to the number of registered and voting citizens of urban racial minority groups.

The stimulus will be provided in the opening sequence by simply setting forth forcefully the evidences of civic neglect that could be changed through exercizing the power of the ballot. We need not dwell on these things, for they are well known to the audience already, but we need to remind them that though they exist they are not inevitable. Some evidences that subject themselves readily to clear and forceful visual presentation, and which might constitute the materials of the opening sequence are the following: gerrymandered school districts to maintain de facto segregation, inferior facilities in the ghetto schools when compared to nearby "white" schools, such as a lack of encyclopedias and periodical subscriptions in the ghetto school library, broken windows, delapidated playground equipment, little or no space, overcrowding in classrooms, unsanitary facilities (I have seen a Chicago school lavatory that had no toilet paper, nor provision for any); in residential areas, a lackadaisical attitude toward keeping streets clean, garbage collected, adequate street lighting, and the rat population under control; a dearth of parks and open areas, recreation centers, libraries, police and fire stations; discrimination in municipal employment; in tenements and slum areas the refusal on the part of landlords to make needed improvements and repairs, and the reluctance on the part of city officials to strictly enforce zoning ordinances and housing codes.

At this point we state that it is only by registering and voting that people can assure themselves of getting strong representation and a fair share of civic benefits. And it is through this means that they can forcefully call to the attention of the community and its leaders that their presence is not to be ignored, nor are they to be dealt out of full and equal participation in community life in all forms. We will also stress the point that voting is a duty and responsibility of citizenship, and that those who do not vote deserve exactly what they get from government. In a variety of ways we will emphasize and reiterate the NAACP slogan: "Be a first-class citizen: Register and Vote."

The educational body of the film which now follows must be designed to accomplish two things simultaneously: first, we must lead our audience step by step through the entire process of registering and voting, explaining in detail with clear narration and descriptive visualization exactly what is involved and why; second, we must drain from this process all that is mysterious and arcane, all that seems unfamiliar and vaguely threatening. To accomplish the former, we must explain the following: why a person must register, why his name, address, and length of residence are recorded, who the people are at the polling place, how and why they have his name and address on a list, what their duties are, why policemen are sometimes present, how a voting machine is operated, how a paper ballot is marked, how both are counted, how and why the parties are represented there to assure that each vote is accurately counted and recorded, and so on.

Though many of these things may seem self-evident at first, a clear explanation of the mechnaics of the voting process serves in and of itself a vital motivational function. For knowing the purpose and the ramifications of the steps in the voting "ritual" gives one a sense of self-reliance in approaching it for the first time. We must always bear in mind that voting is a highly self-conscious act. As such, it is fraught with the dangers of unfamiliarity, the fear of making

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The basic structure of the film will be extremely simple. The film will open with a motivational sequence graphically depicting the problems and inequalities which are part and parcel of segregated urban living today. This development will occupy perhaps 6 to 8 minutes of the film. A transitional sequence (about 2 minutes) will follow which will draw the cause and effect relationship between the problems just recounted and the low voter registration and election day turnout in the area. From this we enter the educational section of the film which will comprise its main body (12-15 minutes). Here we will develop in detail how one registers and why, and how one votes, explaining the mechanics of the entire process step by step. The concluding 5 minutes of the film, in contrast to the transition sequence, will forcefully establish the cause and effect relationship between a high registration and voting figure, and the ability to make significant progress in eliminating the neighborhood's problems.

The style of the film will be straightforward and unadorned. The opening and closing sequences will be developed on the lines of the classic documentary (e.g. The River), using a comparative visual montage structure of a fairly rhythmic type. The accompanying narration will be "partisan" in tone, that is, it will rise in intensity to express concern, indignation, hope and determination, following the flow of the imagery. This "propagandistic" style for the open and close is best suited to presenting the existing problems and the achievement of their solution which will provide the frame of the film for our audience. The means of solution, however (the transitional sequence and the main body), will be treated in the absolutely frank, objective, and unembellished style of the how-to-do-it visual education or training film. The narrative accompaniment here will be primarily concerned with lucidity rather than with emotional effect. To provide a rallying point and mark of authority, we would seek the services of a well-known figure from either the world of politics or entertainment (and who, or course, has been identified closely with the civil rights movement) to serve as narrator.

The entire film must scrupulously avoid any aura of a staged dramatization with actors speaking oversimplified lines in artificial situations. The absolute reality and factualness of every portion of the film must be unquestionable. The locales must be equally authentic. We plan to do the filming in Milwaukee and Chicago, although their identity will not be emphasized. While using actual settings and situations, the treatment must be kept general enough to be applicable to every urban situation. It is essential that the audience be able to readily translate what it sees directly into the situation in its own community. The audience must be convinced that it recognizes in the film its own neighborhood, its own problems, and its own path toward solving them.

The psychological approach of our film reduces itself, then, to first stimulating our audience to perform a specific act, then teaching them how, and finally showing them the positive results of it.

a fool of oneself, of being humiliated, all coupled with a sense of guilt for having failed to vote thus far and for having procrastinated in something one regards as a duty and a matter of loyalty to his group. To strengthen this sense of self-reliance needed to overcome the resistance or "drag" of these imaginary obstacles, we will encourage people to go to register and vote (especially the first time) in neighborhood groups with their friends. Thus what at first seemed a chore weighted with nagging fears becomes a group project, something significant that one shares for the first time with his friends, and on an equal footing. Once one has registered with a carload of acquaintances and voted with them, his familiarity with the process and his self-reliance are permanently established, and he is a full-fledged voter forever.

Those antagonistic to civil rights often claim that low registration and voting figures are due to apathy and laziness on the part of minority groups, while the apologists for these groups claim that poverty and a general sense of hopelessness are the causes. Experience shows that both of these oft-repeated explanations are superficial. We believe that there are many subterranean factors which in their cumulative effect have a far greater detrimental influence than the alleged factors mentioned above. Thus, in its presentation of the voting process, the film must also seek to destroy the myths associated with it, it must answer and allay these undercurrents of rumor and unvoiced or unformulated deepset fears. Most of these fears never cross the minds of most of us, and some may seem far-fetched indeed, but they are very real considerations to people who have always been discouraged from taking part in the affairs of society and its political processes. In addition to the fear of humiliation, there is the reluctance on the part of city officials and political machine office holders to encourage voting. This reluctance sometimes expresses itself in a variety of vaguely threatening and discouraging ways, for new voters mean lost control of the machine. The unexplained presence of the white policeman at the polls may disturb minority persons, and for cause. A rumor common in ghettos is that by registering to vote one exposes himself to minor municipal harassments and reprisals. If you try to vote, the story goes, your electricity may be shut off, or your water, your taxes raised, your car ticketed. It is often rumored that the poll list is merely a device to afford tax agents, law enforcement officials, and creditors a means of tracing people. The fear of spawning future troubles for registering today may seem nonsensical, but it is a real one to many. All these rumors and fears must be dispelled with frank and honest answers.

The concluding sequence will be a highly rhythmic cadenza-like montage in which the images of voting, of strength, and of progress will be brought together to bring the film to an exciting end. The audience must be left with the absolute conviction that there is a direct relationship between voting and securing a better life for themselves and their children. If the positive and dynamic close is successful it will inspire the audience, and they will retain their new-found incentive and its accompanying knowledge until they have registered and voting has become a regular and respected part of their lives. At the very least, the film will prepare them for future follow-up efforts in voter registration and voter education.

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3/6/64

Dear Cuz'n Wiley,

The attached is forwarded per our telephone conversation.

Cuz'n Marilyn

MAR 10 1964

Educational Film Associates
2302 Keyes Avenue Madison 5, Wisconsin
(53711)

March 12, 1964

MAR 14 1964

Mr. HANISCH
256-7427
Madison

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

We are pleased that our request for a grant of $5,000 to produce a film on voter registration has been referred to you by the Taconic Foundation because of your interest and activity in this field. Since it is most desirable that the proposed film go into production by the first of April we greatly appreciate your willingness to participate at this time. A paramount concern of this project is to create an impact on the number of people registered and voting in the November general elections this fall. By starting at once, we can insure that the film will be completed and ready for distribution in sufficient time for use this summer.

On April 6th, a general election will be held in Wisconsin, including a presidential primary which includes the candidacy of George Wallace. This event affords us an excellent opportunity to film a major sequence for our film. Consequently, we would appreciate it if you would send the first installment of the grant as soon as possible so that we may purchase film stock and other materials. As the actual expenses of production will be spread over a period of about three months, it would be convenient for us to have $2,000 at the outset, an additional $2,000 when we enter the editing stage about April 30th, and the final $1,000 at the end of May. We will submit progress reports to you as work goes on.

The grant of $5,000 will underwrite the complete production costs of the film. It would be most desirable, however, to have additional funds to facilitate and promote maximum distribution and utilization of the completed picture. These funds would be used to place prints at token cost or free of charge in the major cities in the country and to prepare a brochure containing information on how the film may most effectively be utilized. We will send you additional information concerning distribution shortly. What must be uppermost in our minds is to see that prints of the film are placed throughout the country in the hands of those who will use them effectively, and at the lowest possible cost to them.

We will be happy to provide you with any additional information. Again, may we express our gratitude for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

Lloyd A. Barbee

Lloyd A. Barbee

VEP 4-4

Memo from **WILEY A. BRANTON**

3/21/64

Dear Lloyd:

It is nice to know that we will be working with you. I never dreamed that the Voter Project would ever be involved with you or Wisconsin. Let me know if I can be of any personal assistance.

Regards,

Wiley

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

March 21, 1964

Educational Film Associates
2302 Keyes Avenue
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Attention Mr. Lloyd A. Barbee

Gentlemen:

Re VEP 4-6

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 14, requesting a grant from the Voter Education Project in the amount of $5000 to produce a film on voter registration. We had previously received from the Taconic Foundation your request to them of November 18, 1963, together with a copy of your detailed proposal.

The Voter Education Project has concluded that your proposal falls within the scope of the purposes and activities of the Voter Education Project and we have, therefore, approved your request in the full amount of $5000.

We are enclosing our check in the amount of $2000 representing an initial installment on the grant and the balance will be paid to you in accordance with the schedule submitted in your letter, but conditioned upon progress reports being submitted to us showing satisfactory performance.

You will be required to deposit this check and all other monies coming from the Voter Education Project into a special bank account and all disbursements should be made by check except for a reasonable petty cash fund from which expenditures made can be supported by vouchers. Funds from any other source should not be deposited into

this special bank account. You will be required to submit a detailed financial accounting to us at the conclusion of this project, together with such bank statements and cancelled checks as we may require for auditing purposes. You are, therefore, cautioned to maintain accurate financial accounting of all of your transactions.

It should be understood that these funds should not be used in any manner which might be construed as engaging in partisan politics, nor in support of or against any legislation, and we understand that this film is to be made from a non-partisan point of view. This film, as we understand it, is being designed to"create an impact on the number of people registered and voting in the November general elections."

If there is anything we can do to assist you project kindly let us know.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton
Director

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cc: Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy

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Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

May 26, 1964

Mr. George Allez
Educational Film Associates
2302 Keyes Avenue
Madison 5, Wisconsin 53711

RE: VEP 4-6

Dear Mr. Allez:

Thank you for your letter of May 9 describing the status of your film and your finances. We are enclosing our check in the amount of $1,500, representing payment of an additional installment toward your total grant of $5,000. We are retaining the final installment of $1,500 for payment upon completion of a satisfactory print.

I am anxious to view your film as early as possible and would be pleased to arrange to see it either in Washington or New York, and I am certain that New York would be more convenient for my normal schedule than Washington. If there is going to be any delay in your getting to New York, then I can always consider the possibility of coming to Madison for the sole purpose of viewing your film.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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WAB:bs

Encl: $1,500 check

cc: Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy

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Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

August 28, 1964

Mr. George Allez
Educational Film Associates
2302 Keys Avenue
Madison, Wisconsin 53711 RE: VEP 4-6

Dear Mr. Allez:

In reply to your letter of August 26, we enclose herein our VEP check in the amount of $1,631.98, representing payment of the balance of your grant in full, plus an additional $131.98 for travel expenses for Jim Wood.

I am very anxious to see a finished print of the film, and would like some idea as to how long it will take to get prints from the laboratory. I would also like to know the title of the film, and would like to see it before reaching a decision as to how many prints we can use.

Do you have any requests for prints of the film from many other sources? I was thinking if we could contemplate the orders, then it would help to bring the unit cost down.

Kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $1,631.98 check

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Educational Film Associates

2302 Keyes Avenue Madison 5, Wisconsin
(53711)

March 21, 1964

MAR 24 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

As promised in our letter of March 12th, we are writing you concerning the distribution of our voter registration film project.

As originally conceived, the project was to have been completed in the early spring of 1964--about now, in fact. Had this been the case ample time would have remained to get the film out to the nation's major cities and into use. Basically, we felt the best approach to distribution would be to deposit the negative in a film processing laboratory and then extend to all responsible civil rights organizations, labor unions, voter education groups and the like who are interested the right to make prints of the film for their own use at cost. In this way voter education groups would get the film at minimum expense, for no middle-man distributor would be marking them up for his profit.

This scheme still seems desirable, but because of the time element we suggest that it might be supplemented by some sort of subsidization to launch the film more rapidly. We will require about three months to complete production. Thus we foresee the film being ready for distribution sometime in July. Still, the fall election campaigns are already upon us, and if the film is to have a genuine effect by November, we are not left with much time. For that reason we believe that if, upon completion, some additional funds could be made available to initiate distribution it would greatly enhance the project's value. If, for example, an additional $2000 were available in July, it would enable free prints to be placed in most of the nation's major cities, together with a simple brochure outlining the most effective ways of utilizing the film through local neighborhood screenings in conjunction with registration drives.

Since we of Educational Film Associates are filmmakers and not film distributors we would prefer that the whole distribution project rest in the hands of those civil rights organizations which are directly concerned with minority group registration and voting. Perhaps subsidization of distribution costs could be used to provide a number of prints of the film to the national offices of NAACP, CORE, Urban League, and so on, who would then place them with their local units where their information convinces them they will do the most good. We certainly hope that all such organizations will become closely associated with the distribution and use of the film; its effectiveness ultimately rests with them. In any event, we stand ready to follow through in whatever way and to whatever extent necessary to assure that the film fulfills its goals.

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That initial distribution be subsidized is only a suggestion and any decision on it can, of course, be deferred until the film approaches completion. We merely raise the possibility for reflection now, since we will all want to consider every means of getting it promptly into circulation. It goes without saying that we will be most grateful to have the benefit of your counsel and experience on the whole question of "follow through" and use in the field.

Please let us hear from you when it is convenient. In the meantime, we will keep you posted as our production develops.

Very truly yours,

Stuart Hanisch

Stuart Hanisch

ASH/a

cc: Mrs. Jane Lee J. Eddy

April 21, 1964

Mr. Stuart Hanisch
Educational Film Associates
2302 Keyes Avenue
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Hanisch:

Re VEP 4-6

In your letter of March 24 you suggested that you would like an additional $2,000 in July to enable you to place free prints of your voter registration film in most of the nation's major cities. I note that you sent a copy of that letter to Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy and I am by copy hereof requesting Mrs. Eddy to let me know the position of Taconic regarding your request for a supplemental grant.

If you could arrange a screening for us as soon as the film has been finished, then perhaps we could make a suggestion regarding the distribution of the film when we have a better idea as to just what it is like.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton
Director

WAB:bs

cc Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy

May 5, 1964

Mr. Stuart Hanisch
Educational Film Associates
2302 Keyes Avenue
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Hanisch:

I have talked with Mrs. Eddy regarding your request for an additional $2,000 grant to pay for free prints of your voter registration film, and we are in agreement that any decision regarding such a grant should be made after a screening of the film.

In your letter of March 12, you stated that you would need an "additional $2,000 when we end the editing about April 30."

Upon receipt of a progress report and financial statements, we are prepared to send you this additional installment whenever you have need for it.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

cc: Mrs. Jane Lee E. Eddy

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Educational Film Associates

2302 Keyes Avenue Madison 5, Wisconsin
(53711)

May 9, 1964

MAY 12 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I have just read an article in the May 4th Wall Street Journal describing your splendid work. It is certainly encouraging to see these efforts beginning to take effect.

I had planned to write you at the end of April but, as I mentioned before, our film unit is flexible and compact--so much so that when we are on the road filming no one is left behind to keep up correspondence. We spent the May Day weekend in Chicago, were filming in Hammond, Indiana, on election day, and spent yesterday in Milwaukee. Consequently, I am only now getting caught up and this report of our progress to date will reach you about a week and a half later than I had intended.

Shooting is well underway at this time. Fourteen hundred feet have been processed and printed for editing, two thousand more are at the laboratory now. We have twenty-five hundred feet of raw stock on hand, and I estimate that we shall have to purchase about three thousand more. We have held off starting to edit until we receive our results from Tuesday's election day shooting in Hammond, so we expect to get the editing underway in about a week. (By the way, my letter of March 12 referred to entering the editing stage, not ending it.)

The most difficult sequences have been either completely filmed or very nearly so. Coverage of actual election day activities is complete. About 75% of the introductory and motivational material has been shot. All of the expositional material on registration remains to be filmed, as well as a portion of the sequence on the voting process itself and the closing sequence. For the most part this material will be filmed under controlled conditions, however, and so should proceed more easily and rapidly than the candid shooting done to date.

We have been very gratified at the assistance and cooperation extended to us by the election officials of Milwaukee County, the City of Milwaukee, Hammond, and Lake County, Indiana. The Chicago Defender and the Milwaukee Star have offered to place their files of still photos at our disposition to supplement our "live" coverage where helpful.

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FINANCIAL

As you directed, funds received for this project have been placed in a special account at the American Exchange Bank of Madison. This account is entitled "Educational Film Associates V-R Project," and all checks written against the project bear that designation. To date, we have paid out a total of $158.13 to the George W. Colburn Laboratory of Chicago for processing and printing, and a total of $271.00 to the Eastman Kodak Company for raw film stock and magnetic sound stock, leaving a bank balance of $1470.89. Processing and printing of materials now at the laboratory will cost approximately $250.00. In addition, Mr. Hanisch and myself have incurred out-of-pocket expenses for which we have not yet reimbursed ourselves. These include $112.00 travel costs (1600 miles: 3 trips to Milwaukee, 2 to Chicago, one to Hammond), $8.10 toll road charges, $8.60 for motel accommodations--we have imposed on friends when possible--$72.00 for meals, about $10.00 postage and shipping costs, approximately $60.00 for long distance telephone calls, and $3.00 for a parking ticket in line of duty.

In projecting our costs for materials, lab fees, and expenses for the next phase of production, Mr. Hanisch and I are agreed that our original estimate may be revised downward. Accordingly you may, if you wish, reduce the second installment from $2000 to $1500, and retain $1500 for final payment upon completion of a satisfactory print.

With reference to your letter to Mr. Hanisch concerning distribution of the film, it is our hope that a screening can be arranged for you at the fine cut stage, the last step before completion. This stage may be compared to the page-proof stage in book publishing. At this point the film, with its sound track, may be screened virtually as it will appear in finished form. It has the advantage, however, of allowing minor changes to be made and errors corrected. Although this stage would be very late to undertake major revisions, nevertheless even this is possible if necessary. If you were able to screen the film at this stage it would enable us to consider any modifications you might deem desirable. Also, this would enable you to certify that the film falls wholly within the purview of your charter. Unlike book publishing, once a film is completed for printing any changes are very difficult to make and very expensive. Every attempt should be made to eliminate all flaws before that point is reached.

Unfortunately, a fine-cut screening requires special interlocking equipment. We could, of course, have such a viewing here in Madison. However, we plan to be in Washington, D. C. in June, and would therefore suggest that it might be feasible to have a screening there or in New York sometime in the latter half of the month if your schedule coincides. If all goes well then, the film would be ready for release by the end of the month. If this proves impossible, we can mail you a narrative script with a parallel description of visual development for your suggestions before final completion, but the former alternative would be very much preferable.

Very truly yours,

George Allez

George Allez

cc: Mrs. Jane Lee J. Eddy

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TACONIC FOUNDATION, INC.
666 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

MAY 13 1964

May 12, 1964

Mr. George Allez
Educational Film Associates
2302 Keyes Avenue
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Allez:

Thanks so much for your letter and for the copy of your progress report to Wiley Branton. This is very helpful to me.

Please let me know when you decide whether the screening will be in Washington or New York. Either place is perfectly possible so far as I am concerned. I should very much like to arrange to be present for the screening.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Lee J. Eddy
Secretary of the Foundation

JLJE/jt

cc: Mr. Wiley Branton

VEP 4-6

May 26, 1964

Mr. George Allez
Educational Film Associates
2302 Keyes Avenue
Madison 5, Wisconsin 53711

RE: VEP 4-6

Dear Mr. Allez:

Thank you for your letter of May 9 describing the status of your film and your finances. We are enclosing our check in the amount of $1,500, representing payment of an additional installment toward your total grant of $5,000. We are retaining the final installment of $1,500 for payment upon completion of a satisfactory print.

I am anxious to view your film as early as possible and would be pleased to arrange to see it either in Washington or New York, and I am certain that New York would be more convenient for my normal schedule than Washington. If there is going to be any delay in your getting to New York, then I can always consider the possibility of coming to Madison for the sole purpose of viewing your film.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

Encl: $1,500 check

cc: Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy

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July 7, 1964

Mr. Lloyd A. Barbee
Educational Film Associates
2302 Keyes Avenue
Madison, Wisconsin 53711

RE: VEP 4-6

Dear Lloyd:

When I saw you in Washington a few days ago, we discussed the possibility of a screening for your voter registration film, but we never made it definite re either a date or a place.

Would you please check your own schedule and phone me so that we can get together on this? I may find it a little difficult to meet you on the 15th, but I am not sure at the moment.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

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July 9, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Director Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Re: Voter Education Film

Dear Mr. Branton:

We would like to postpone the New York, July 15th, date for viewing the rough cut of Voter Education Film.

As an alternative we suggest meeting in Washington, D. C., July 20, 21, 22, 23, or 24. This would be more convient for us. Our Congressman can make the neccessary arrangements for viewing the film.

Please choose one of these alternative dates and the time which will be convient for you and Mrs. Eddy and notify us.

I am sorry that we were not able to discuss this project more in depth during the 55th Annual NAACP Convention in Washington, before you left on June 24th.

Sincerely yours,

Lloyd

Lloyd A. Barbee

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Educational Film Associates
2302 Keyes Avenue Madison 5, Wisconsin
(53711)

July 17, 1964

JUL 20 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project, Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Lloyd Barbee informs me that you and Mrs. Eddy would be able to screen the "mock-up" of our voter education film project in Washington, D. C. on Tuesday, July 28th, at 4:00 PM. Accordingly, I am in the process of arranging for a screening room in Washington at that time.

Mr. Kaz Oshiki, administrative assistant to Congressman Kastenmeier, hopes to arrange for the use of the House of Representatives' Recording Studio, which has a preview room that should be adequate. This is located in the Old House Office Building and, if memory serves me correctly, is on the fifth floor.

The only possible difficulty is that at this stage of production the picture and sound track narration are separated so that modifications can be made to either, and they must be run in interlocked syncronization. This entails special equipment which is too massive for us to transport our own to Washington and back. I believe that the House Studio has such equipment. If they do not, we will have to reserve one of the other available Washington studios.

I will have definite information on the place of screening from Mr. Oshiki by Tuesday, the 21st, and will phone or air mail confirmation of the address to your office then. We will depart from Madison on the 25th, Saturday. After Saturday, we may be contacted through Congressman Kastenmeier's office, CA4-3121, extension 2906, or by calling Mr. Oshiki's home, WO6-2397, in Washington.

I am also sending this information to Mrs. Eddy. We look forward to seeing you in Washington.

Very truly yours,

George Allez

George Allez

VEP 4-4

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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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WILEY A BRANTON, DIRECTOR

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT 5 FORSYTH AVE ATLA

SCREENING ROOM RESERVED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 28TH AT 4:00 PM AT CAPITOL FILM LABORATORIES, 470 E STREET, SW, WASHINGTON, DC

REGARDS

GEORGE ALLEZ EDUCATIONAL FILM ASSOCIATES

JUL 24

JUL 24 1964

VEP 4-4

August 28, 1964

Mr. George Allen
Educational Film Associates
2302 Keys Avenue
Madison, Wisconsin 53711

RE: VEP 4-6

Dear Mr. Allen:

In reply to your letter of August 26, we enclose herein our VEP check in the amount of $1,631.98, representing payment of the balance of your grant in full, plus an additional $131.98 for travel expenses for Jim Wood.

I am very anxious to see a finished print of the film, and would like some idea as to how long it will take to get prints from the laboratory. I would also like to know the title of the film, and would like to see it before reaching a decision as to how many prints we can use.

Do you have any requests for prints of the film from many other sources? I was thinking if we could contemplate the orders, then it would help to bring the unit cost down.

Kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $1,631.98

Educational Film Associates

2302 Keyes Avenue Madison 5, Wisconsin (53711)

August 26, 1964

AUG 28 1964

NUL-4
COPE 50

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project, Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

"COUNT"
Mr. MATHIEU
332-6286
(312)

Dear Mr. Branton:

We have delivered the printing materials and sound track of our film project to the George W. Colburn Laboratory, 164 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois, 60606. They have promised us a composite "answer" print by Friday of this week, which we will check and then send to you. You should receive it on Monday, August 31st. We will direct the laboratory to make any necessary technical corrections for inclusion in subsequent finished prints of the film. It will be possible to order these prints from the laboratory immediately.

28.35
6.10
34.45

Costs of finished prints decrease with larger orders. The film is approximately 1050 feet long, or about 28:30 in length. On orders of one to four prints, I estimate the cost per print at $38.85. The print cost falls to $34.65 for orders of 5 to 19 prints; $30.45 for 20 to 49 prints; and $28.35 on orders of 50 or more. In addition, the reel, can, and case for each print cost $6.10, and there would be a small shipping cost.

34.45
150
5150.00
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Since the preparation of the master printing negative by the laboratory is the single most expensive step in the production, as well as the final one, we would be grateful if you would send the balance of the production grant at your earliest convenience. Travel expenses which we advanced to Jim Wood amounted to $131.98, making a total of $1631.98.

As soon as this final phase of production is out of the way we will send you a complete breakdown of all expenses incurred, cancelled checks, and whatever miscellaneous records, bank statements, and the like which you require for auditing purposes.

Our major concern remains that the film get into the hands of as many people who will utilize it as possible at once. We hope that at least one print will be placed in each of the nation's major cities with whatever organization is most actively directing registration efforts there so that it may be effectively used throughout September and whatever part of October remains before the poll lists are closed. Please let us know if there is any way we can be helpful in getting distribution underway.

Very truly yours,

George Allez

George Allez

WP 4-4

FI[illegible]: VEP 4-6

September 10, 1964

George W. Colburn Laboratory
164 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois, 60606

Attention: Mr. Mathieu

Dear Sir:

We desire to place an order for 75 prints of the voter registration film bearing the title, "COUNT" which was produced by Educational Film Associates of Madison, Wisconsin, Mr. George Allez, Director. I understand that the cost will run approximately $34.75 per print, including reel, can, and postage, and that you will allow for individual shipments.

50 copies of this print will be subject to delivery instructions from Mr. Roy Reuther of AFL-CIO, and the other 25 copies are to be sent t o our office here in Atlanta, unless directed otherwise. You should bill Mr. Reuther at COPE for the 50 copies, and bill us for the 25. It is our understanding that delivery can be had in approximately 10 days or less. If you require any advance deposit, then please phone or wire me immediately as we do not want any delay in shipment.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. Roy Reuther
AFL-CIO - COPE
815 16th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Memo FROM THE DESK OF

JANET SHORTT

DATE 9/10/64

Wiley:

Mr. Mathieu returned your call. The information is as follows:

Price for 75 - 100 prints - - -	$28.14 each
Reel and can	4.00 set
Individual shipments	.50
plus postage	2.14

This would come to $34.78 a print. If you don't need cases, it would be $28.14.

js

393,756
28,500
422256

75

3-8 — 1,000
4-47 — 2,500

COMPLIMENTS OF DARBY PRINTING COMPANY

September 16, 1964

George W. Colburn Laboratory, Inc.
164 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Sirs:

I enclose herein our check in the amount of $856, representing pre-payment of 25 prints of the film, "Count", as shown on your invoice No. 7701.

We will send shipping instructions, but we request that you rush the printing of this film so that maximum use can be made of it before voter registration deadlines.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

Encl: $856 check

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215.94

September 19, 1964

Geo. W. Colburn Laboratory, Inc.
164 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Re: Shipping Instructions
Title: "COUNT"

Dear Sirs:

We enclose herein the names and addresses of persons to whom we request that you send copies of the voter education film "COUNT".

Many of the states are rapidly reaching their deadlines for voter registration and we would appreciate your rushing these prints to the persons designated.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB/p
Encl:

VEP 4-4

TO: Geo. W. Colburn Laboratory

Re: Voter Education Project, Atlanta
Your Invoice No. 7701
Work Order No. 59164
Title: "COUNT"

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILM "COUNT"

Please ship postage pre-paid to the following:

PRINT NO.	ADDRESSEE
51	Ack'm rec'd 9/30 Mr. Charles Eason Eastern Region, NUL 14 East 48th Street New York, New York 10017
52	Ack'm rec'd 9/30 Mr. Raymond R. Brown, Director Mid-Eastern Regional Office, NUL 106 South Main Street Akron, Ohio 44308
53	Ack'm rec'd 9/29 Mr. Leo Bohannon, Director Mid-Western Regional Office, NUL 721 Olive Street Saint Louis, Missouri 63101
54	Mr. Sterling Tucker 59 G Stret, S.W. Washington 24, D.C.
55	Ack'm rec'd 10/2/64 Mr. Henry Talbert, Director Western Regional Office, NUL 945 South Western Avenue, Suite 106 Los Angeles, California
56	Ack'm rec'd 9/30 Mr. Clarence Coleman, Director Southern Regional Office, NUL 250 Auburn Avenue, Northeast Atlanta, Georgia 30303
57	Ack'm rec'd 9/30 Mr. Ozell Sutton 1304-B Wright Avenue Little Rock, Arkansas
58	Ack'm rec'd 10/1 Mr. Arthur T. Freeman, Director Tidewater Voter Registration Project Room 103, YMCA Bldg. 812 Wood Street Norfolk, Virginia

PRINT NO.		ADDRESSEE
59	ack'd rec'd 9/29	Mrs. Bernice C. Johnson 1630 Fourth Avenue, North (Room 622) Birmingham, Alabama
60		Mr. Moses Riddick, Jr. Nansemond Voter Project 2333 Norfolk Road Suffolk, Virginia
61	ack'm Rec'd 9/28	Mr. Esau Jenkins ~~[illegible]~~ 41 Cannon Street Charleston, S.C.
62	ack'd rec'd 9/29	Mr. Herbert Coulton 244 Halifax Street Petersburg, Va.
63		Mr. James Forman SNCC 84 Raymond Street, NW Atlanta, Georgia 30314
64	ack'm Rec'd 10/2	Mr. W. C. Patton, N.A.A.C.P. 234 Hernando Street Memphis, Tennessee
65	ack'm rec'd 10/2	Mr. Elijah Coleman, Principal Townsend Park High School 2600 Plucker Street Pine Bluff, Arkansas
66	ack'm Rec'd 10/1	Mr. M. J. Caruth Box 2372 Little Rock, Arkansas
67		Mr. Randolph T. Blackwell S. C. L. C. 334 Auburn Avenue, N.E. Atlanta 3, Georgia
68	ack'm 9/30	Mr. W. Lester Banks, Executive Sec'y. Va. State Conference, NAACP 301 East Clay Street Richmond, Virginia
69	ack'm Rec'd 9/28	Mr. Richard Miles, Director South Carolina VEP Project 2022 Taylor Street Columbia, South Carolina

PRINT NO.	ADDRESSEE
& 70	Dr. William S. Thornton Crusade for Voters 206 East Clay Street Richmond, Virginia
71 thru 75	Voter Education Project 5th Floor 5 Forsyth Street, N.W. Atlanta 3, Georgia

Action rec'd 9/29

OFFICE COPY

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

September 24, 1964

(List of participants can be found attached to correspondence to Geo. W. Colburn Laboratory, Inc., dated 9/19/64.)
js

Dear VEP Participant:

The Voter Education Project made a grant to Educational Film Associates of Madison, Wisconsin, to produce a motivational film on registration and voting. The film has just been completed, and we have arranged to have a print sent to you on a loan basis for use by your organization from now until the November 3 general election.

The title of the film is "COUNT" and it is in black and white, and runs for approximately 28 minutes. In order to get the film to you as quickly as possible, we have asked the George W. Colburn laboratory of Chicago to send the film directly to you. We are enclosing a reply card which we are asking you to please sign and mail to us upon receipt of your copy of the film.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: 1 (Reply card)

REPLY CARD STATED: I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the ____ day of _____, 1964.

Signed: _____
(Name and Address of Participant)

~~10-10-64~~
10-17-64

September 28, 1964

Mr. George Allez
Educational Film Associates
2302 Keys Avenue
Madison, Wisconsin 53711

RE: VEP 4-6

Dear Mr. Allez:

I am certain that you will be interested in knowing that I was able to get AFL-CIO COPE to order 50 copies of the voter registration film "COUNT" and our office ordered 25. We had the George W. Colburn Laboratory to distribute 20 of the copies to various organizations in the South with 5 copies being sent to us here in Atlanta. COPE is having its 50 copies distributed in the North and West.

I again want to commend you and your co-workers for the very excellent job you have done in producing this valuable film and at such a nominal cost.

Will you please send us a complete financial report covering the full amount of our grant, together with your canceled checks and bank statements. The checks and statements will be returned to you after they have been audited.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs
cc: Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy

WB

Rec'd 10/1/64

September 29, 1964

George W. Colburn Laboratory
164 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Attention: Mr. Mathieu

Dear Sir:

In reference to a letter from Mr. Wiley Branton on September 10, 1964, I am enclosing a list of names of people who are to receive a copy of the film titled, "Count". There are forty-four (44) names on this list of which one will receive three. As our order is for fifty (50), I would appreciate it if you would send the remaining four to our office here in Washington at the above address.

Sincerely yours,

Philip Weightman

PMW/pml
oeiu#2
afl-cio
Encl.

cc: Wiley Branton
Roy Reuther

VEP 9-6

Hank Brown
Texas State AFL-CIO
308 W. 11th Street, Box M.M.
Capitol Station,
Austin, Texas

Tennessee Voters Council
c/o C.B. Robinson
1905 E. 5th Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Rufus Lewis
801 Bolivar Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dr. L. H. Pitts
Miles College
Birmingham, Alabama

Eulis Ward
Hall of Records
Newark, New Jersey

Paul Krebs
UAW
505 Main Street
E.Orange, New Jersey

Dolly Robinson (3) copies
3 Agate Court
Brooklyn, New York

Althea Simmons
NAACP National Office
New York, New York

Rev. Ben Hill
311 Greenwood N.
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Charlie Mitchell
UAW
1405 E. 6th Street, Room 301
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Warren Pate
Ohio AFL-CIO
271 E. State Street
Columbus, Ohio

E. T. Kirkland
119 Parker Street
Columbia, S. Carolina

Co-Ordinating Council of
Greater New Orleans
c/o Dr. McDonald
P.O. Box 5107
New Orleans 15, La.

Charlie Hadley
1836 N.W. 55th Terr.
Miami, Florida

Rev. Jesse Douglas
Montgomery Improvement
Assos.
712 Darsey Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Rev. Alonza Holman
111 Kershaw Street, S.E.
Aiken, S. Carolina

Rev. Frank Gordon
1015 Church Street, S.E.
Knoxville, Tennessee

Mr. J. Arthur Brown
270 Ashley Avenue
Charleston, S.C.

Mr. Aaron E. Henry
213 4th Street
Clarksdale, Miss.

Mrs. Clara Luper
1819 E. Park Place
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Herrick S. Roth, Pres.
360 Acoma Street
Denver, COlo. 80223

Mrs. Katie Koeller, Treas.
Delaware Leadership Council
P,O. Box 641
Wilmington, Dela.

Mr. William Hart
c/o Allegheny County Labor Council
406 Sherwyn Hotel
212 Wood Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Mr. Mike Johnson, Pres.
Pennsylvania State COPE
Front and Pine Streets
Harrisburg, Pa.

Mr. Ed Toohey, COPE Dir.
S.E. Corner Broad & Vine St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. James Turner
Rubber Workers
87 S. High Street
Akron, Ohio 44308

Mr. Julian Carper
102 N. Belvidere Street
Richmond, Virginia 23220

Mr. Matthew Lynch
226 Capital Boulevard, Rm. 205
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Mr. Barney Weeks, Pres.
Alabama Labor Council
604 Lyric Building
Birmingham, Alabama

August Scholle, Pres.
Michigan State AFL-CIO
716 Lothrop Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48202

Mr. Claude Ramsay, Pres.
Mississippi AFL-CIO
133 S. Lamar Street
Jackson, Miss. 39201

Mr. Victor Bussie, Pres.
Louisiana AFL-CIO
429 Government Street
Baton Rouge, La. 70821

Mr. Charles A. Della, Pres.
Maryland State AFL-CIO
305 W. Monument Street
Baltimore 1, Maryland

Mr. Dallas W. Sells, Pres.
Indiana State AFL-CIO
910 N. Delaware St.
Indianapolis, Ind. 46202

Mr. W. H. Montague Sr. Pres.
Georgia AFL-CIO
1776 Peachtree St. N.W.
Room 335
Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. John J. Driscoll, Pres.
Conn. State Labor Council
30 W. Main St. Rm. 205
Waterbury, Connecticut

Mr. Thos. L. Pitts, Exec. Sec-Treas
California Labor Federation
810 David Hewes Building
995 Market Street
San Francisco, Calif. 94103

J. Bill Becker, Pres.
Arkansas State AFL-CIO
1408 Rebsamen Park Road
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. Ralph Helstein
608 S. Dearborn St. Suite 1800
Chicago, Illinois

James A. Suffridge, Pres.
1741 DeSales Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Mr. Johnny Brooks
301 E. Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

Helmuth Kern
2800 N. Sheridan Road
Chicago, Ill. 60657

J.C. Holland
513 N. Beaver Street
Jacksonville, Florida

James Troop

St. Louis, Missouri

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the 27 day of September, 1964.

SIGNED:

Esau Jenkins

Mr. Esau Jenkins
41 Cannon Street
Charleston, S. C.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the 28 day of September, 1964.

SIGNED:

W. Lester Banks

Mr. W. Lester Banks, Exe. Director
Virginia State Conference NAACP
301 East Clay St.
Richmond, Va.

Mr. Raymond R. Brown, Dir.
Mid-Eastern Regional Office NUL
106 So. Main Street
Akron, Ohio 44308

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the Twenty-eighth day of September, 1964.

SIGNED:

Raymond R. Brown

Mr. Raymond R. Brown

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the 30th day of September, 1964.

SIGNED:

Charles E. Eason vc

Mr. Charles Eason
Eastern Region NUL
14 East 48th Street
New York, N. Y. 10017

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the 28th day of Sept., 1964.

SIGNED: Elijah Coleman

Mr. Elijah Coleman, Principal
Townsend Park High School
2600 Flucker Street
Pine Bluff, Ark.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the 28 day of Sept., 1964.

SIGNED: Henry O. Talbert

Mr. Henry Talbert, Director
Western Regional Office, NUL
945 So. Western Ave., Suite 106
Los Angeles, Calif.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the 28th day of Sept, 1964.

SIGNED: M. J. Caruth

Mr. M. J. Caruth
Box 2372
Little Rock, Arkansas

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the 26TH day of SEPTEMBER 1964.

SIGNED: Arthur T. Freeman

Mr. Arthur T. Freeman, Director
Tidewater Voter Registration PRoject
Room 103 YMCA Bldg.
812 Wood Street
Norfolk, Virginia

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the 25 day of September, 1964.

SIGNED:

W. C. Patton

Mr. W. C. Patton
234 Hernando Street
Memphis, Tenn.

MEMPHIS, TENN. 30 SEP PM 1964

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the 26 day of Sept., 1964.

SIGNED:

Ozell Sutton

Mr. Ozell Sutton
1304-B Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Ark.

VICE

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the 28th day of September, 1964.

SIGNED:

Clarence D. Coleman

Mr. Clarence Coleman
Southern Regional Office NUL
250 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the 27th day of September, 1964.

SIGNED:

Herbert D. Coulton

Mr. Herbert Coulton
244 Halifax Street
Petersburg, Virginia

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the 26 day of Sept, 1964.

SIGNED:

William S Thornton

Dr. William S. Thornton
Crusade for Voters, 206 Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the 25th day of September, 1964.

SIGNED:

Leo Bohannon

Mr. Leo Bohannon, Director
Mid-Western Regional Office, NUL
721 Olive Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the 26th day of September, 1964.

SIGNED:

Mrs. Bernice C. Johnson

Mrs. Bernice C. Johnson
1630 Fourth Ave., North
Room 622
Birmingham, Ala.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the print of the voter registration film, "COUNT" on the 26 day of Sept, 1964.

SIGNED:

R Miles

Mr. Richard Miles, Director
South Carolina VEP
2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

October 1, 1964

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Assistant Director of Education
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear George:

Les Dunbar has asked me to reply to your letter to him of September 29. The film "COUNT" was produced under a grant from the Voter Education Project, but we recently persuaded Mr. Roy Reuther to purchase 50 copies for COPE. The prints which Brisben saw at the warehouse were awaiting shipping instructions from COPE. I understand that shipping instructions went out this week, and Mr. Reuther's secretary can probably tell you where prints can be obtained.

I am returning Mr. Brisben's letter to you. With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs
cc: Les Dunbar
Encl.

NOV 2 1964

October 13, 1964

I N V O I C E:

To: THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE
c/o Mr. Sterling Tucker
59 G Street, S. W.
Washington, D. C. (24)

FROM: Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Film, "COUNT".

Six (6) copies of film print, "COUNT" @ $35.99 each - $215.94 TOTAL

Please remit total amount due - $215.94

Rec'd
11/2/64
Given to
RHA
11/6/64

APPROVED BY
DEPT. PURCHASE
CHECK #
PD. BY CHECK #
AUDITED BY

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VEPY-b

Educational Film Associates
2302 Keyes Avenue Madison 5, Wisconsin
(53711)

October 13, 1964

OCT 16 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project, Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I am enclosing the complete financial records for our voter registration film project, COUNT, as you requested. You will find statements from the American Exchange Bank of Madison for the Educational Film Associates V-R Project account showing three deposits totalling $5,131.98 and thirty-four withdrawals totalling the same amount, closing the account with a balance of $0.00 as of September 24, 1964. The deposits represent the total $5,000 grant plus $131.98 special travel expenses. The thirty-four cancelled checks, numbered 101 through 134, are likewise enclosed, together with invoices, bills, and miscellaneous pertinent records.

A breakdown of expenditures follows:

1. Four invoices from Eastman Kodak Company, totalling $483.58, for raw film stock and raw magnetic sound recording stock materials. These were paid by checks #s 102, 104, 107, and 110, totalling $483.10. The difference of $.48 represents shipping charges included in my personal out-of-pocket expenses, item #10. You will note that #104 is made out to me. This is because I paid Eastman Kodak from my personal account while in Chicago when we needed materials at once, and so #104 is reimbursement for that.

2. Twelve invoices from the George W. Colburn Laboratory of Chicago, totalling $1,307.41, for processing raw stock, printing work print, making optical sound track, answer print, etc. These were paid by eleven checks: #s 101, 103, 106, 109, 111, 112, 113, 115, 116, 125, and 129, totalling $1, 306.57. The difference of $.84 again represents shipping charges and is incorporated in my expenses, item #10.

3. Checks #s 105, 119, and 130 totalling $500.00 to George Vukelich in full payment of his fee as script writer.

4. Check #108, for $50.00 to ASH Film Productions. This check reimbursed Mr. Hanisch, who paid the Chicago Daily Defender $50 from his own company's account for the use of still photographs from the Defender's files which were incorporated into our film.

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5. Check #114, for $4.54 to REA Express to pay shipping costs of a collect package from Colburn Laboratory.

6. Checks #s 123, 124, and 127 and contracts for rights to music performed for the film and for rights to reproduce recorded music in an educational film, to Philip F. Buss and Stephen F. Andersen, and to Emil Ascher, Inc., respectively. Total: $135.00.

7. Check #128, for $104.36, to my mother, Mrs. George C. Allez, for long distance telephone calls. Our editing facilities are located in her home, so that calls were charged against her phone. Those long distance calls pertaining to the film project are marked with a check on the telephone company billing slips.

8. Check #121, for $231.98, to James R. Wood, representing narrator's fee of $100 and travel expenses round trip Atlanta/Madison, of $131.98.

9. Check #122, for $4.00, to the University of Wisconsin Photographic Laboratory, for processing the film titles.

10. Checks #s 117, 118, 131, and 133, totalling $838.59. These reimburse Stuart Hanisch, Richard Niebuhr, and myself for out-of-pocket expenses incurred during the five months of production as follows: Hanisch, #380.45; Niebuhr, $125.00; Allez, $333.14. Check #117 for $300, made out to me, was for the purpose of withdrawing $100 cash for each of us so we would have expense funds for our Washington trip. The expense money was used for car fuel and maintenance figured at $.07 per mile for our trip to Washington and for sixteen trips to Milwaukee (175 miles per trip), six 350 mile trips to Chicago, and one of 550 miles to Lake County, Indiana, together with meals, toll road fees, overnight motel accommodations during location shooting, air express shipping charges (waybills enclosed), Western Union charges, and a few miscellaneous expenditures.

11. Check #132 for $513.26 to Stuart Hanisch for rental of his camera equipment, editing facilities, and sound recording equipment for the period April 7, 1964, through September 24, 1964, together with fees for location shooting, sound recording, and sound editing.

12. Checks #s 120, 126, and 134 totalling $960.58 to George Allez for rental of camera equipment and editing facilities for the period April 7, 1964, through September 24, 1964, together with fees for location shooting, editing, direction, animation camerawork, and preparation and conforming of original materials for the laboratory.

I trust that these data and records will suffice to explain the financial anatomy of this project. If there are any questions you may have or additional information you require, please let me know. I will be working on a special project for the American Mathematics Association in Boston for the next four weeks, but will be back in Madison by the middle of November.

Needless to say, we are all delighted that 75 prints of COUNT have been placed in circulation. Our only hope is that on November 4th we can say that its impact and effect will have justified the funds, the efforts, and the faith that went into it, and that it may prove useful in your work in the years ahead as well. It has been a privilege for all of us to work with you. Please convey our greetings to our narrator, Jim Wood, when you see him.

Very truly yours,

George Allez

George Allez

P.S. I enclose an extra copy for Mrs. Eddy.

WB

M E M O R A N D U M October 17, 1964

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 4-6
(Educ. Film Assocs.)

Grants: $6,023.53

Expenditures:

Film Printing	$1306.57	
Equipment	1473.~~00~~.84	
Photographs	50.00	
Film	483.58	
Music	135.00	
Postage	40.09	
Salaries	600.00	
Tel. & Tel.	104.36	
Trav. & Trans.	970.57	
Processing	4.00	
Purch. for VEP (prints)	856.00	
TOTAL		6,024.01
BALANCE		($ .48)

October 19, 1964

Mrs. Jane Lee J. Eddy,
Executive Secretary
Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

RE: VEP 4-6

Dear Jane Lee:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. George Allez for your files. Mr. Allez has fully accounted to our office on the grant of $5,131.98 which VEP made to Educational Film Associates. This did not include the cost of prints.

The Voter Education Project is well pleased with the performance of Educational Film Associates, and we have received several complimentary remarks regarding the film, "COUNT" which is the title of the film produced under this grant.

On behalf of the Voter Education Project, we wish to again thank the Taconic Foundation for having made this grant which has provided many agencies with voter educational materials which should prove of valuable use several years in the future.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Dear Wiley,

Thanks for helping us realize this project.

I have traded in my bent up and noisy Falcon for a Valiant. So if you are up our way in the near future, we can give you a smoother and quieter ride than the one had from the Morrison Hotel to Bob Minz's house last July.

Good luck on your special project.

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Atl Journal 1/25/64

Another Way to Get Voters

SOME TIME ago the Fulton County registrar appealed to the county commissioners for funds to set up mobile units that could move about the city and county and encourage voter registration on a neighborhood basis.

While it might be advantageous for the registrar to have such a convenient arrangement, what's wrong with utilizing current government facilities in the outlying areas to sign up more prospective voters?

The Fulton County Republican Executive Committee can't understand why public school buildings, libraries, health centers and other such buildings cannot be used for this purpose, so long as notice is given in advance that registration will be conducted in a given locality on a specific date.

Not only did the Republican committee agree to help Registrar Leon Hay in such a venture, but it suggested that many civic organizations interested in more qualified voters would be happy to provide additional assistance.

And as a final suggestion the GOP committee asked the registrar not to overlook the potential registrants that could be rounded up through PTA meetings.

Such a program might require more planning on the part of the registrar, but the county shouldn't pass up a chance to expand its registration lists simply because it doesn't have mobile units.

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Vote Registration Set on Northside

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Volunteers to help get non-registered voters in Fulton County registered will meet Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Buckhead Trust Company of Georgia civic room. Judge Eugene Gunby will swear in volunteers as deputy registrars at the meeting. Instruction on registration will be given.

The Northside Registration Association, a nonpartisan organization made up of Northside civic clubs and PTA organizations, is sponsoring the meeting. Registration sites will be set up in schools beginning March 2. A mobile unit also will be manned by volunteers.

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Fulton Preparing to Launch Biggest Registration Drive

By RALIEGH BRYANS

Fulton County is implementing its broadest program ever to register as many new voters as possible between now and May 2, cutoff date for registrations that will be good for the Nov. 3 general election.

The goal, according to Chief Registrar Leon Hay, is to push the county's total registration from the present 186,000 to at least 200,000 by May 2.

THE EXPANDED PROGRAM will involve, during March and April, nightime and Saturday operations at the central registration office in the courthouse.

It also will involve extensive neighborhood registration activities which Mr. Hay and his office have been developing under the neighborhood registration law enacted last year.

A new and probably unique type of neighborhood registration will be started on a limited basis on March 2.

This involves setting up "field registration units" at selected high schools to register adults during hours (3 p.m. to 8 p.m.) considered most convenient for housewives and working people.

FOR THIS PROGRAM Mr. Hay is deputizing between 100 and 150 persons, members of 30 civic organizations, who will work under his own regular employes to register new voters.

Initially, the program involves North Fulton area high schools: North Fulton, Northside and Dykes within the Atlanta city limits, and Sandy Springs High School, beyond the city limits.

Registrations at North Fulton High are scheduled March 2-4. The dates for registrations at the other three schools are to be announced later.

Mr. Hay, on request of Negro civil leaders, expects to expand the initial program to include two centrally located Negro high schools in the city. He will announce details later.

OTHER PHASES of the overall program which either are in progress or will be soon are as follows:

—Registration by city clerks in East Point, Hapeville, Fairburn, Union City, Palmetto, Roswell and Alpharetta. Individual city clerks and their employes have been sworn in as deputy registrars and offices of the city clerks are in effect branches of the central registration office.

—Registration of high school seniors at all schools. Mr. Hay is sending teams of his employes to the various high schools to spend a day at each, registering students who are 18 or over. This program is entirely distinct from the new "field unit" program, the latter being intended, as Mr. Hay said, "for Mama and Papa only."

—Registration at larger businesses and industries. Mr. Hay currently is arranging with these business houses to have teams of registrars visit them at specially designated times to register employes.

—Nighttime and Saturday registrations at the courthouse. Beginning March 1, the central office will begin staying open on Saturdays, probably from 8:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. Then in April, the office will be kept open during the early evening hours of each work day and from 8:30 a.m. till 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

THE TOTAL registration in Fulton County already is expanding fairly rapidly, according to Mr. Hay. It was 177,475 as of Jan. 1, 1963, and has expanded to 186,000 as of now despite the fact that names of 12,000 voters were purged from the list last year because they hadn't voted in the past three years.

As attention is turned to increasing the registration even further, the county is planning the devision of certain large precincts where registrations are approaching or have exceeded the 4,000 mark, Mr. Hay said.

There are four such precincts inside Atlanta city limits, Mr. Hay said. These are 8A, with 3,858 voters; 8B, with 4,421; 8C, with 4,137, and 8D, with 4,679.

OUTSIDE THE CITY, there are two such precincts he said. These are Oak Grove (including the Sandy Springs area) with a registration of 5,101, and Buckhead, with a registration of 3,397.

Mr. Hay said he is working with Atlanta City Clerk Jimmy Little on the division of the bigger city precincts. Mr. Little has been urged by city aldermen to divide all precincts which have as many as 2,000 voters, but he feels this would be going too far, Mr. Hay said.

In any case, the expectation is that larger precincts will be split prior to the September primary, he said.

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Registration Field Unit Ready To Work

The Fulton County voter registration field unit will begin operating March 2, and will be stationed at four high schools in north Fulton County throughout March, according to Chief Registrar Leon Hay

The registrar's expanded program will be directed at adding more than 50 per cent of the county's unregistered citizens to the voter lists. Of 381,000 persons qualified to vote, Hay says that approximately 181,000 are registered.

"This year's important elections are alerting many of thosce unregistered persons, and we hope to reach the 200,000 mark in the near future,' Hay said.

Thirty civic organizations in the northside area of Fulton County, comprising a membership of 3,000 persons, have instituted a registration campaign in conjunction with the field unit.

Between 100 and 150 persons were sworn in as deputy registrars today (February 18) to aid in the campaign, according to Harry Morgan, chairman of the Northside Registration Association. Fulton County Judge Eugen Gunby administered the oath to the volunteer workers.

Morgan said there are about 20,000 citizens who are potential voters in the northside area, and the association is hopeful of registering 10,000 during the campaign.

Applicants will be registered at North Fulton High School from 3 p. m. until 8 p. m., Monday, March 2 through Thursday, March 4.

Following completion of registrations at North Fulton, additional registration will be conducted at Sandy Springs High Schhol, Dykes High and Northside High. Dates for these schools will be announced later.

The registration drive is the most ambitious ever staged in the Northside area. Previous efforts have been made by individual organizations, but the present campaign marks the first area-wide cooperative venture by clubs and organizations.

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As Of February 7

182,000 Are Registered In Fulton

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By STANLEY S. SCOTT

The Fulton County voter registration office announced Thursday that 182,000 citizens had registered through Feb. 7 and are eligible to participate in the primary and general election this year.

Chief Registrar Leon G. Hay also said the final date for registeration to vote in the fall elections is May 2. Mr. Hay anticipates that some 200,000 persons will be registered before the May 2 cutoff date.

He further stated that "we did not get any relief from the state legislature in extending the deadline on registration."

During the past session of the General Assembly a proposal was made to allow persons to register up to 120 days prior to the date for the general election. This measure was defeated. The law presently requires that a potential voter must be registered six months before the general election.

REGISTERED NEGROES

A breakdown in the registration figures showed that 47,604 Negro citizens and 134,780 whites had registered in Atlanta and Fulton County, as of Feb. 7.

In the ensuing months, Mr. Hay said, "we will employ a system of 'mobile' registration in an effort to overcome inconveniences experienced by working people attempting to register."

Under a Georgia Voters' Registration Act passed in 1963, the chief registrar is authorized to "designate, not later than six months prior to the closing date for registration, other places in the county which shall be used for the purpose of receiving applications for registration of voters."

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

In accordance with state law, Hay said that mobile registration units would be assigned to the following high schools n the designated dates for the purpose of community registration. All of the registration stations will be integrated, he said.

Turner High School, March 31 and April 1, 3 p. m. to 8 p. m.; Howard High School, April 13, 14, 3 p. m.; Price High School, April 15, 16, 3 p. m. to 8 p. m.; Archer High School, April 20, 21, 3 p. m. to 8 p. m.; Fulton High School, April 8, 3 p. m.; Walter George, April 9, 3 p. m. to 8 p. m.; Southwest High School, April 6, 3 p. m. to 8 p. m.; Sylvan High School, April 7, 3 p. m. to 8 p. m.

In another effort to make registration office, 165 Central Ave., SW, will be open for half a day on Saturdays beginning March 7. He said that on March 28 the voter registration office will remain open until 5 p. m.

182,000 Registered

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The tax commissioners office and automobile tag department will remain open during the hours that the voter registration office stay open for the public, it was learned.

It was also learned this week that 12,587 names have been purged from the registration books "because citizens failed to vote in a general election or presidential election in more than two years."

GA. NEAR BOTTOM

While national voter participation figures continue to show an increase in Presidential and House of Representative elections, Georgia remains second from the bottom in voting turnout in national elections.

In 1960 when 63.8 American citizens participated in the presidential election, the State of Georgia had a turnout of only 30.4 percent, next to Mississippi with 25.5 percent of eligible voters going to the polls.

The disparity in the national vote turnout can be seen in states like Idaho with an 80.7 percentage of voter participation, and Utah with an 80.1 average, balanced against Georgia's low of 30.4.

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Voter Registration Gets Added Push

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The committee will assume major responsibility for conducting registration at the following schools:

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Washington High 3 P. M. — 8 P. M. April 22, 23.

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The Fulton County tax and registration offices will remain open on Saturdays during March. The offices are located in the administration building on Central Avenue.

Tax Commissioner Jack Camp said his office will be open the first three Saturdays in March from 8:30 a. m. to 12 noon to allow citizens to file tax returns and to purchase state automobile tags. Saturday, March 28 the office will be open from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Camp said about 82,000 persons have filed returns and approximately 95,000 had bought car tags. "During March, we should sell about twice as many tags if everyone meets the April 1 deadline," he added. He said approximately 86,000 persons have not filed returns.

Camp is urging all who haven't filed a return or bought a tag to take advantage of the Saturday opening and if unable to come then, they should arrange to come early in the month.

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Bennie Smith Named To Head Civic Council

The Atlanta Civic Council met Thursday night February 27 at its headquarters located at 1327 Jonesboro Road at which time the annual election of officers was conducted.

Bennie T. Smith, president of the Poole Creek community was elected ACC president, with R. T. Barnes of the Highpoint-Carver Joylann community being elected vice president.

Other officers were as follows: Mrs. Mable Henderson, secretary; Miss Norma J. Stroud, assistant secretary; Mrs. Sarah Baker, treasurer, and the Rev. L. W. Hope Chaplain.

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Voter Registration

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Are You A Citizen Yet? Atl. World 3-6-64

Every resident of Fulton county, 18 years of age and above, is provided the free opportunity to have his or her name recorded on the public list of citizens in the county.

The list to which we refer is the Registration book, kept in the county courthouse. In it are kept names only of those residents who have a voice and a right to act in elections—that is to say, who shall and, who shall not, attend to public services and needs of the people. Only persons whose names are enrolled in the book of registration can vote upon issues and persons involving the community.

The All-Citizens Registration Committee announced Saturday that arrangements have been made with Fulton County Registrar Leon Hay to conduct registrations between March 31 and April 23 at conveniently located schools, between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., on designated days. Registration will also be conducted daily at the Registrar's office in the courthouse and up to noon on Saturdays.

All persons who expect to vote in fall elections must be enrolled in the Registration Book by May 1.

We urge, especially, that Negro residents of Fulton County who have not registered to vote, do so before May 1. Any person 18 years old and above, who has lived in the state one year and in Fulton county six months and, who can read and write, is normally eligible to register. It is required only once in the citizen's life time in Fulton county.

Most of us are familiar with the "A Voteless Citizen Is a Helpless Citizen" slogan. It is generally agreed that one reason the race has suffered so much at the hands of some officeholders and public government has been that the race failed to register and to vote. The race, has, in other words, been helpless and unprotected.

It is also generally agreed that had Negroes been registered and voting, a great many of the fights that have been made on such issues as civil rights recently never would have been necessary.

Persons in office are color blind when it comes to serving the citizens who elected them. Although Negroes often talk about citizenship rights etc., actually there is much to be questioned about whether a resident whose name is not on the community's public list of citizens is really a citizen. Those who do not participate in their government are like the dead, or those not yet born.

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Dobbs House Strikers Vow Vote War On Politicians

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At a Tuesday night meeting of Dobbs House strikers who have been without their jobs for eleven months, the group decided to place the blame for their unsettled strike on their elected officials. The strikers vowed, "If our voices are not heard at the negotiation table, we will be heard at the polls."

Mrs. Betty Turner, chairman of the action committee for the

Strikers Vow War

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groes. When we needed them, they didn't need us. So at election time when they need us, we won't need them."

The strikers have invited AFL-CIO vice president A. Philip Randolph to meet with them while he's in town this weekend and have requested that he use his influence to help settle their labor dispute with Dobbs House at the Atlanta Airport. The group has also asked that AFL-CIO president George Meany would intervene in their behalf.

A march of at least 200 strikers is slated for Saturday noon through downtown Atlanta "over the route the ministers and doctors took" in an effort to gain support for the strike and in support of the "Sacrificial Easter" campaign, said Miss Ethelene Culpepper, another spokesman for the strikers.

Strikers' complaints range from under pay, poor working conditions and the hiring of scabs, to reports of the management (white men) entering Negro women's restrooms to see if they were staying too long, and attempting to inspect their undergarments, according to striker Willie Carrecter. Workers were reportedly fired for complaining about disrespect from the management.

Benny T. Smith and Robert Barnes, president and vice-president of the Atlanta Civic Council, have been working closely with the strikers in an effort to help them regain their jobs. Mr. Smith told the Inquirer he had talked to Mayor Ivan Allen and Alderman Richard Freeman who heads the Board's Aviation Committee and were told they would "look into the matter."

The Fulton County Democratic Club has appointed a committee headed by State Senator LeRoy Johnson to investigate the strike and seek to determine what can be done to settle it.

Strikers have hinted that if their demands are not met by April 16 when their strike will be a year old, they may result to disrupting airline travel from the airport by blocking the planes on the runway

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STANTON P. T. A. JOINS VOTE DRIVE VOLUNTEERS

Pictured above are some of the participants in the Frank L. Stanton School PTA door-to-door coverage for the All-Citizens Registration Committee Survey. (Left to right) Seated: Mesdames Eugenia Lovett, Ira Benton, Amanda Watts, Ruby Powell, Carolyn Yancey, Arizona Price, Harriet Johnson, and Dorothy Mitchell. 2nd Row: Peggy Tucker, Dorothy Tucker, Kate Welborn, Christine Clayton, Grace Bickers, Geraldine Pearson, Winnie Weaver, Mozell Beasley. 3rd Row: Vivian Douse, Alminnie Pressley, Mattie Briscoe, Beatrice Florence, Pauline Newman, Ruth Washington, Jeralean Jones, Cleo Pitts, Juanita Smith, Thelma Elliot. 5th Row: Doris Lucas, Virginia Beasley, Dorothy Neal, Ansley Robinzine, Bertha Jackson. Several others are not shown.

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S. ATLANTA CIVIC LEAGUE STEPS UP VOTE DRIVE

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L.D. Simon, president of the South Atlanta Civic League, announced this week that his group will step up its voter registration campaign on the southside of the city.

Operating from their office at 1327 Jonesboro Avenue, the league is re-instituting its "Operation Dragnet" which is a door-to-door campaign to encourage voter registration and will sponsor weekly mass meetings beginning March 10 at Thronton Funeral Home.

Every church in southeast Atlanta will be called upon to help with the project, Mr. Simon said.

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Atl. World 3-8-64

Stanton School PTA Pushes Registration

The Frank L. Staton School PTA has completed its door-to-door coverage for the All-Citizens Voter Registration Survey. The school area was worked by approximately 60 persons, who are either PTA members or cooperative, interested citizens living in this locale.

This report alerts those who need to become registered to take advantage of the opportunity to carry out their civic responsibility. During the month of April, registration will be conducted in many of the high schools from 3 to 8 p. m. With this convenience available, we must be prepared to add considerably to our number of registered voters.

Under the chairmanship and co-chairmanship of Mrs. Carolyn D. Yancey, PTA Pres., and Mrs. Agnes C. Moore, Vice-Pres., respectively this effort was volunteered an daccomplished. Others who helped but are not shown on the picture are: Mesdames Margaret Cash, Lucretia Kendricks, Carrie Ford, Edith Hudson, Marjorie Willis, Bernice Smith, Mable Murphy, Jeanette Woods, Benice Bates Annie J. Bussey, Ethel McCoy, Marion Scott, Audrey Newsome, Myrtis Smith, Mary Glenn, Agnes Moore. Marie Saxon, Frances Whatley, Juanita Abernathy, Lucille Jackson, Jean Young, Lucy Grigsby, Gloria Jackson, Jeanette Woods, Maxell McEwen, Ocie R. Jones, and Olean Bussey.

The All-Citizens Registration Committee under the direction of Jesse Hill, Jr., is making an appeal for the cooperation of all schools and citizens in this important endeavor. Everyone interested in working with this committee have been invited to attend an organizational meeting to be held Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 p. m. at the Butler St., YMCA.

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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Martin Luther King Jr., *President*

Wyatt Tee Walker, *Executive Director*

March 10, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Enclosed find a "working" prospectus on our Voter Registration Drive here in Atlanta.

We are in the process of refining certain phases of it but time makes it necessary for us to move ahead without delay. We have a wonderful opportunity here in Atlanta, and we are making every effort to realize it.

SCLC will be moving additional staff in from the field this week. Thirty five northern students will be down beginning March 22nd and remain through April 5th.

Our financial undergirding is our only obstacle. So far, SCLC has been providing the finances for the drive on a day to day basis.

I hope that it will be possible for VEP to make a grant either to SCLC or directly to the All Citizens Registration Committee for this drive.

Thank you very much, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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PTA Leaders To Meet Tonight And Push Registration

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PTA leaders will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Butler Street, YMCA, in order to discuss plans to participate in the current voter registration campaign.

Mrs. Carolyn D. Yancey has been named Coordinator - Chairman of the PTA related voter registration program by the All - Citizens Registration Committee. The appointment of Mrs. Yancey was announced jointly Monday by Jesse Hill, Jr., Dr. Lee R. Shelton, and Attorney Horace Ward, Chairman and Associate Chairmen respectively.

Mrs. Louis Hector, President of the Atlanta PTA Council, and Dr. H. E. Tate, Executive Director of the Georgia Teachers and Education Association, have joined the registration committee in the promotion of the PTA voter registration activity.

All school principals, PTA officers and leaders of the school sponsored door to door canvass for the March of Dimes Campaign have been invited and urged to attend this meeting.

A movie including Bing Crosby on "door to door canvassing" will be shown.

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N. E. Churches To Push Voter Registration

Atl. Daily World. 4-11-64

Ministers with churches in the Northeast section of Atlanta are being asked to help push voter registration, The Rev. E. L. Thomas, President of the Northeast Civic Community Council, said Friday.

Rev. Thomas said ministers were being asked to make announcements from their pulpits Sunday that voter registration will take place at Howard High School April 13 and 14 from 5 p. m. until 9 p. m.

The council is affiliated with the All Citizens Registration Committee, and the Southern Christian Leadership Council. An effort will be made to get 5,000 registered voters from the area on the books, Rev. Thomas said.

This extra effort is for people who have to work late, and cannot visit the Fulton County Courthouse during regular registration hours.

Rev. Thomas said most of the ministers had been contacted.

The pickup station as follows:

PICK UP STATIONS

Rev. P. F. Ransom—Butler St. Baptist Church—284 Butler St. NE

Rev. M. L. King—Ebenezer Bapt. 413 Auburn Ave.

Rev. Smith—Israel Bapt.—70 Daniel St. SE.

Dr. Melvin Watson—Liberty Bapt. 395 Chamberlian SE.

Rev. Luther Thomas—Little Friendship Bapt.—302 Merritts Ave.

Mt. Pleasant Bapt. Church—611 McGruder St. NE.

Rev. Homer M. Smith—Mt. Sinai Bapt.—422 Merritts Ave.

Rev. E. R. Searcy—Mt. Zion Second Bapt. —137 Boulevard NE.

Rev. M. Willis—New Springfield Bapt.—182 Linden NE.

Rev. Frank [illegible] Bapt.—101 Boulevard NE.

Rev. O. S. Hamilton—St. Luke Bapt.—476 Glen Iris Dr.

Rev. Edward H. Dorsey—Tabernacle Bapt.—475 Boulevard N. E.

Rev. William Holmes Borders—Wheat St. Bapt. 18 Young St. NE.

Rev. Homer C. McEwen—First Congregational 105 Courtland

Rev. J. D. Grier Jr.—Fort St. Memorial Methodist—562 Boulevard

Rev. Shorts —Linden Avenue Institutional C. M. E.—286 Linden Ave.

Rev. W. T. Gilliard—St. Peter A. M. E. 637 Highland Ave.

Rev. Hiram O'Neal—National Divine Spirtualist—18 Jackson NE.

Rev. H. I. Bearden—Big Bethel A. M. E. 220 Auburn Ave. NE

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Community Voter Registration Moves

Atl. Daily Hld., 4-12-64

Community voter registration will swing into action in northeast Atlanta on April 13-14, with night registration bolstered by support from local ministers.

The Fulton County registrars office announced that Howard High School will serve as headquarters for persons wishing to register between the hours of 5 to 9 p. m. on April 13-14.

The All-Citizens Registration Committee, pushing the registration drive into neighborhood night registration for persons who have been unable to register because of late working hours, is cooperating with Fulton County in an effort to solicit 200,000 qualified voters prior to the May 2 cut-off date.

For the first time in the history 94 Negro deputy registrars have been added to the registrars staff to register person sin predominately Negro communities.

A boost to the citywide effort came this week from Rev. E. L. Thomas, president of the Northeast Civic Community Council, who said ministers in the northeast area have pledged to back the program with announcements from their pulpits today.

After completing registration at Howard High School the night registration mobile units will move to Price High School for registration on April 15-16.

Latest registration figures released by Fulton County chief registrar Leon G. Hay show that 191,000 persons have already qualified to vote in the local, state, and presidential races in '64.

LIGHT TO LEAD VOTERS

Prospective voter registrants may follow the light of a big searchlight, mounted on a truck, and deployed at registration school sites. Those wishing to register should "follow the light," registration officials said.

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PTA Voter Registration Meet Monday

Atl. Daily 3/15/64, p. 1

The All - Citizens Registration Committee is meeting at the Butler Street YMCA Monday, March 16, at 7:30 p. m., to launch plans for Parent-Teacher Association participation in the massive registra-

The Registration Committee also announce support of their project from Dr. Horace Tate, Frederick Browne, executive secretary and vice president respectively of the Georgia Teachers and Educa-

PTA Voter

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tion Association; Mrs. Mattie Dollar, district council president of the PTA, and Mrs. Louise Hector, president of the Atlanta Council PTA.

Purpose of the Monday meeting will be to distribute work kits to principals, PTA presidents, neighborhood workers and volunteers, all whom are urged to attend the kick-off meeting.

During the month of April, the All-Citizens Registration Committee stated: "for the first time in Fulton County history Negroes will be sworn in as deputy registratars to assist people in neighborhood high school. All civic organizations have been invited to have representation at the meeting.

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THEY PACKED-EM IN AT HOWARD HIGH—Non-registered citizens of the Northeast side came in droves Monday and Tuesday nights at Howard High School to qualify to vote as the Neighborhood Voter Registration campaign continued. The two-night operations at Howard netted 1,407 new qualified voters, with hundreds more unable to complete processing. Neighborhood registration moved to Price High Wednesday night and will continue through tonight. — (Perry's Photo)

Atl. Daily World, 4-16-64

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File 4-7
All-Citizens
Reg. Comm.

243 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia
March 17, 1964

MEMORANDUM

FROM: J. H. CALHOUN, CHAIRMAN, STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
GEORGIA DIRECTOR, VOTER REGISTRATION, S. C. L. C.

TO: COMMUNICATION MEDIA, ATLANTA, GA.

SUBJECT: VOTER REGISTRATION PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM

Reference is made to the proposed concentration of public relations facilities in the interest of voter-registration.

As a result of consultations with representatives of some of the communications media, the enclosed program was devised, to be coordinated with neighborhood registration in several high schools of the city. You will also find enclosed some material developed by Mr. Elmore Ellis of Radio Station WSB.

The idea is that these announcements may be used by announcers or popular personalities, in their own vernacular, of course, to emphasize the urgent need for increasing voter-registration. Any other uses, such as statements, editorial comment, would be left to your discretion. Additional copies, explanations or information may be secured by calling me at MU 8-6062.

There are enclosed copies of the neighborhood registration schedule indicating the dates, hours and places of registration. In the meantime, any suggestions you have will be appreciated.

ALL CITIZENS REGISTRATION COMMITTEE-

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - S. C. L. C. - 1964

Public Relations Voter-Registration Program Developed in consultation with officials of communications Media

I Radio - Public Service Time

A. Radio Personalities to be selected on basis of mass appeal and asked to participate in the program

B. Gospel Groups to be asked to cooperate with spot announcements and demonstrations

II Types of presentations

A. Skits, if feasible

B. Shorts to be made up on "Bread and Meat" Issues and distributed to other Stations - Elmore Ellis, WSB

C. Spot Announcements to be continued thruout campaign

III Television - Public Service Time

A. Continued spot announcements

B. Shorts to be made from tapes on "Bread and Meat" Issues

C. Slides to be interspersed with taped announcements

IV Demonstrations (To be publicized by all media)

A. Parade in each area are day of neighborhood registration

1. High school bands to lead - 2:30 P. M. - 4:30 P. M.

2. Sound truck to communicate thru areas Noon to 7:00 P. M.

3. Buses and cars to transport people

B. Gospel sing - Night before registration in each neighborhood

C. Gospel or other show at the registration scene.

V Newspapers - Continued intensified program

ALL CITIZENS REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
334 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

10 Seconds
Public Service Spots

(1)

Do you want better schools for your children? You can help make it so if you are a qualified voter. Your voice will be heard at the ballot box. The All Citizens Registration Committee says "Register Now to Vote!"

(2)

Do you want street lights and sewers improved in your neighborhood? You can help make it so if you are a qualified voter. Your All-Citizens Registration Committee says: "Don't delay. Register to vote today!"

(3)

Do you need traffic lights and sidewalks in your neighborhood? You can help make it so if you are a qualified voter. Don't put it off. The All-Citizens Registration Committee says -- "Register Now to vote!"

(4)

Do you want better playgrounds and recreation areas for your children? Do you want to eliminate double-sessions in crowded schools? You can help make it so if you are a qualified voter. Your All-Citizens Registration Committee say-- "Register to Vote now!"

(5)

Do you need better police protection in your neighborhood? Do you want improved street-lighting and sidewalks? You can help make it so if you are a qualified voter. Your All-Citizens Registration Committee says -- Register to vote Now.

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10 Seconds
Public Service Spots

(6)

Do you want a bigger voice in urban renewal? Do you want more say-so about our schools and courts and elected-officials? You can speak-up and be heard if you are a qualified voter. Your All-Citizens registration Committee says -- Register now to vote.

(7)

Do you want to help decide who runs your government? Would you like to speak up for civic improvements in your own neighborhood? You can -- if you are a qualified voter. Your all-Citizens Registration Committee says: "Register Now to Vote."

20 Seconds

(1)

Poor Joe. He's always complaining about things he needs in his neighborhood. Better street lighting. New sidewalks. More bus service. More police protection. Joe's always complaining -- but he never does anything about it because poor Joe can't vote. He's never registered. Don't you be a Poor Joe. Your All-Citizens Registration Committee says -- Register Now -- and speak up as a qualified voter.

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Jesse Hill, Jr., Dr. C. A. Bacote, Co-Chairmen

ALL-CITIZENS
REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

236 AUBURN AVENUE, NORTHEAST
ROOM 211 ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA JACKSON 1-3928

MAR 18 1964

To: Prospective Deputy Registrars

From: Jesse Hill, Jr., Chairman

Subject: Preliminary Instructions

Please attend an urgent meeting Thursday afternoon, March 19, 1964, at 4:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the West Hunter Library, corner Morris Brown Drive and Hunter Street,

This is our final briefing meeting before being sworn in by Judge Gunby at the Fulton County Courthouse.

All prospective deputy registrars must attend this meeting in order to be eligible to serve as an official registrar. We need a few more persons to volunteer, please feel free to bring along with you other prospective registrars.

Please note that the registration hours at our high schools are 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. as indicated on the attached schedule.

March 17, 1964

Please notify all potential deputy registrars to please be present at meeting Thursday at 4:00 P.M. If they are not present they will not be eligible.

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March 21, 1964

Rev. Andrew Young
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Andy:

Re VEP 4-7 (Atlanta)

This will confirm the decision of the Voter Education Project to make a tentative grant to SCLC in the amount of $4000 in support of a voter registration program in Atlanta in cooperation with the All Citizens Registration Committee. It is our understanding that you will be responsible for all reports, both financial and progress, as may be required by VEP, but that you and Mr. Jessie Hill will share the over all responsibility for supervising the project and delegating other responsibilities.

We understand that your proposed budget for the period March 1 to May 2, 1964, amounts to $12,200 but we have mutually agreed that some items are excessive and could be reduced. You have requested $6000 from VEP and we have made a tentative grant of $4000, and we understand that SCLC will contribute $3000 to the project and will also provide staff personnel. It is also our understanding that the business and professional people of Atlanta will be requested to contribute $3200.

I think that it is extremely important that the Atlanta Negro community contribute something at this time toward voter registration as is being done in other metropolitan communities in the South.

I call your attention to the fact that VEP has given $15,000 to the All Citizens Registration Committee since May of 1962, $11,395 of which was given during 1963. We, therefore, feel that the local community should make some financial contribution to the Atlanta registration effort.

The payment of the balance of our tentative grant and favorable action on any possible supplemental grant will be conditioned upon participation by the local community in financial contributions.

We are enclosing our initial check in the amount of $2000 which must be deposited in the special VEP account which SCLC maintains. We shall expect prompt financial and progress reporting in the same manner as is required for all of the other projects.

We are placing a special restriction on the use of VEP funds against your budget to the extent that no portion of these funds shall be used for the payment of any meals, or food service whatsoever nor for the payment of deputy registrars. With these exceptions you may use the funds to pay for any legitimate items otherwise contained in your budget. This restriction applies only the the grant for the Atlanta project and should not be construed as a restriction on other VEP-supported projects which SCLC may be working in.

The same restrictions and conditions which are imposed upon all VEP programs apply to this one and both you and Mr. Hill are familiar with these.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
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cc: Mr. Jessie Hill

Atl. Const.

75 Students Will Work On Negro Registration

3-21-64

A total of 75 students from colleges in other parts of the country will be working in Atlanta for the next two weeks encouraging Negroes to register to vote.

Their campaign in Atlanta is being sponsored nationally by the Young Women's Christian Association.

They will be working with representatives of Dr. Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the All Citizens Registration Committee, headed by Jesse Hill, prominent Negro businessman.

The first 35 students are expected to arrive Sunday, a spokesman for the YWCA said. The second contingent of 35 will arrive March 29. Each group will spend one week in Atlanta.

The students will work from door to door and at the Fulton County courthouse encouraging voter registration, the YWCA spokesman explained.

The 75 will be part of about 600 students from more than 100 colleges who will spend their spring vacations in eight cities working with voter registration.

About half the students expected in Atlanta will come from San Diego (Calif.) State College.

Atlanta was chosen as one of the cities for the YWCA-sponsored project because of its progress in race relations and voter registration, a spokesman for the YWCA said.

The Conservative Club of Georgia has passed a resolution asking local officials to stop the project and calling the drive to the attention of the Fulton County Grand Jury.

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Voters Registration Committee Moves Into Intensified Program

VEP 4.7

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More citizens are needed to volunteer to help in this crusade for more voters, it was pointed out. Citizens may call 524-1378, or contact any voter registration leader or PTA leader in their section of the city.

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3-22/64

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3/22/64, p. 1.

THEY SIGNED ON THE DOTTED LINE — Leon Hay and Mrs. Thelma Ardeesle, director of registrar training, watch as the first of some 85 Negroes signed-up Monday as deputy registrars for the Fulton County voter registration office. It was a precedent-setting occasion.—(Perry's Photo)

85 Negroes Become Deputy Registrars

Atl. World 3/24/64

By HARMON G. PERRY

In an unprecedented event in Atlanta Monday afternoon 85 Negroes were sworn in as deputy registrars for the Fulton County voter registration office with Judge Eugene Gumby of the Court of Ordinary making it official.

The new registrars, which included seven men, will be used primarily in neighborhood registration, a new undertaking by the registration office designed to swell the number of qualified voters and to make it easy or every citizen to do so.

The use of Negroes as deputy registrars has been long pushed by the All Citizens Voter Registration Committee and Monday's event was but one of its activities to increase the number of Negro voters by at least 15,000.

Leon Hay, the director of the voter registration office who presented the prospective registrars to Judge Gunby, said his office had expected and made paper preparation for 33. Earlier newspaper reports said the number would be 50, but over 85 showed up to be sworn in.

Following the swearing in formality the group was immediately taken through a two-hour training session where they were briefed on all precedures in getting a citizen registered

The training session was conducted by Mrs. Thelma Ardeesla, a veteran in voter registration who is in charge of the student program and supervisor of training. Mrs. Ardeesla warned the group from the outset that what they were getting into was "no tea party," and it was necessary to be able to get

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along with people.

After the training session she said it was a nice group and from the way the group was going about the whole thing it would work out fine. She said the group will meet with the All-Citizens Registration Committee to work out schedules, etc, etc.

The neighborhood registration program is designed to set up operations at schools . . . in this case at schools in predominately Negro neighborhoods, however they will go into a couple of white schools where the area is in racial transition or inhabited by a large number of Negroes.

Jessie Hill Jr., a co-chairman of the registration committee, indicated that this is the time that is. "We're going all out in this effort to increase the Negro voter strength to 65,000. If we can get 70,000 this would be a different town," Hill said.

Hay, taking pride is what he called a 33 percent increase in voter registration between the past two presidential elections, said it would be nothing to brag about if the present 190,000 registered voters in the county increased to 200,000.

Noting that while 143,000 in Fulton County participated in the last presidential election Hay said there were also 12,000 who were purged because they failed to vote in the past two elections. "Everytime three people fail to vote liberty dies a little," Hay said.

In tracing the dates and places of the neighborhood registration program on heavy Negro areas Sen. Leroy Johnson, who is on the executive committee of the All-Citizens Registration Committee said Harper High School had been added to the list of Negro schools to be included on the itinerary of the neighborhood program.

THE DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS

Turner High, March 31-April 1; West Fulton, April 2; Southwest, April 6; Sylvan High, April 7; Walter George, April 9; Howard, April 13-14; Price High, April 15-16; Archer, April 20; Harper, April 21; and Washington High, April 22-23.

May 2 is the deadline for registration in order to vote in the coming election.

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Fifty Negro Registrars To Be Sworn In

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A new convenience instituted by Fulton County registrar's office designed with the un-registered citizen in mind will go into effect next week which could well result in more Negroes being added as registered voters.

Fifty Negroes will be sworn in Monday March 23 at the county court house in an unprecedented event in state history. These new registrars will be stationed at high schools in various neighborhoods on certain dates as part of the neighborhood registration program.

The dates for schools in Negro neighborhoods are: March 31 and April 1 Turner High; April 13-14.. Howard High; April 15-16 Price High; April 20-21 Archer High April 22-23 Washington High.

Other schools and dates for neighborhood registration are: April 2..West Fulton; April 6.. Southwest High; April 7 Sylvan Hills; April 9 Walter F. George.

HAVE YOU QUALIFIED?

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If you have not yet registered to vote, you still have time to qualify before books are closed.

The ballot you hold is equal to the ballot any other person has. Persons who cannot vote are not the equal of those who can vote.

Get registered. Urge relatives and friends to register.

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3/26/64

DID YOU DO IT? 4-7

Did you register to vote yesterday? Maybe inclement weather interfered with your plans.

This is a reminder: Register to vote today. The alert and proud citizens need your support. Join them. Get relatives and friends to register.

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ALL CITIZENS REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

334 Auburn Avenue, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia

March 26, 1964

Dear Fellow-Citizen:

The neighborhood registration program will be the greatest incentive we have had in registering 50,000 more voters this year. To do this we need 3,000 canvassers. Registration with Negro deputy registrars will be held at Archer High School April 20, from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Therefore, you are urged to have as many of the members of your organization as possible present for a Canvassers Workshop Tuesday, March 31, at 7:30 P.M. in Springfield Baptist Church on Hollywood Road at Perry Boulevard N.W. There we will give out materials and instructions as to how the program will proceed.

In the meantime, please fill out the inclosed form with the names of your workers and the streets to which they are being assigned. Kindly bring or send this report to the meeting Monday night. Call us if you need additional information.

Sincerely yours,

Jesse Hill, Jr., Chairman
ALL CITIZENS REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

(Mrs.) Asa G. Yancey
P. T. A. Coordinator

Robt. Dobbs, President
Northwest Coordinating Council

P.S. If you are not the head of your organization, kindly refer this letter to the president or chairman.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Apply in person. (Active armed forces personnel and dependents may register by mail.)
2. Fill out a form that asks the date and place of your birth, physical appearance, occupation, and parents' names.
3. You will be asked under which constitutional classification you want to apply:
   a. On the basis of literacy. You will be asked to copy a few lines of the Constitution and read them aloud.
   b. On the basis of good character and understanding of duties of citizenship. You must then answer correctly 20 of 30 questions.
4. There is no poll tax-no registration fee.

CITY PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS

Be sure that you are also registered to vote in your City elections. County registration and City registration are simultaneous for Alpharetta, Atlanta, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Palmetto, Roswell, and Union City. The other cities require a separate registration. Call the City Hall or City Clerk for information on registration and City election dates.

ABSENTEE BALLOT – If you will be away from your precinct on election day, or if unable to go to the polls because of physical disability (doctor's certificate required); you or one of your immediate family may apply by mail or in person to the registrar 60 to 3 days (minimum of 10 safest) prior to election, giving name and address as registered and where the ballot is to be sent. (Add your voting place, mother's maiden name, and your birth date to aid identification.) The absentee ballot must be received by the registrar before or on election day. It must have been witnessed at a post office or by a notary public.

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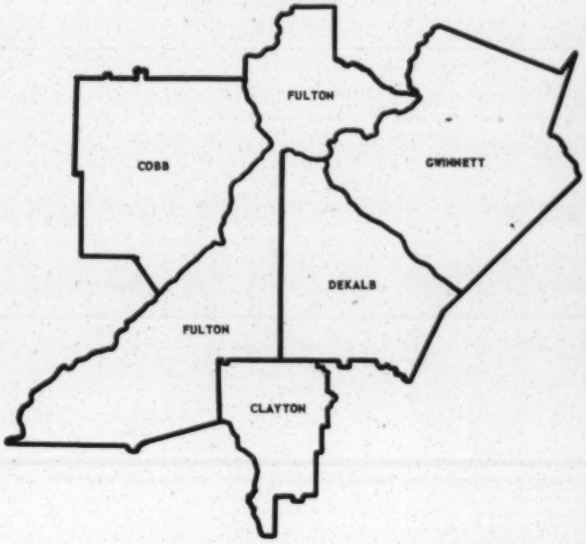
HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN METROPOLITAN ATLANTA



League of Women Voters of Atlanta
1036 Peachtree St., N.E., Room 114
Atlanta 9, Georgia, Telephone: 876-0732

League of Women Voters of DeKalb County
2109 College Ave., Decatur, Georgia
Telephone: Dr 8-6455, ME 6-4940, 636-5009

League of Women Voters of Marietta-Cobb County
Aven Road, Route 2, Marietta, Georgia
Telephone: 427-1937, 428-3288

September, 1963

WHERE TO REGISTER – for Federal, State, and County Primaries and Elections (Telephone for office hours.)

County	Place	Telephone
Clayton	Court House Jonesboro	478-9911
Cobb	108 Washington Ave. Marietta (across from Court House) or telephone for dates and places of community registration.	428-8578
DeKalb	430 N. McDonough St. Room 141, Decatur (One block off the Square) or telephone for times and places of neighborhood registration.	DR 3-5731 Ext 316
Fulton	Administration Bldg. 165 Central Ave., S.W. Room 106, Atlanta or City Halls at:	JA 2-5310
	Alpharetta	GR 5-5833
	East Point	766-1481
	Fairburn	964-3611
	Hapeville	PO 7-4317
	Palmetto	463-3506
	Roswell	993-4100
	Union City	964-4681
Gwinnett	Court House Lawrenceville or	TH 3-3253
	116 Harris St., Buford	434-9768
	119 S. Peachtree, Norcross	448-3301

Georgia Registration Law for Federal, State, and County Elections

WHO MAY REGISTER – You must:

1. Be a United States citizen.
2. Be at least 18 years old by time of next election. You may register before 18.
3. Have lived in Georgia 1 year and in the County 6 months by time of next election. You may register before these times have elapsed.
4. Be mentally sound and not under conviction of a felony.

WHEN TO REGISTER

1. Any time during the year, but at least 6 months before a General Election to vote in that election. (No deadline for active armed forces personnel and dependents.)
2. Registration is permanent if you vote at least once every 3 years in a Federal, State, or County election or primary. Before being dropped from the registration list, you will be notified and given an opportunity to stay on the list. You must reregister if dropped from list.
3. When a woman marries, she must register in person under her new name, canceling her former registration.
4. If you move within the State to a new County, get a transfer certificate from your former registrar and take it in person to your new registrar at least 10 days before the election. (Six months' residence required to vote.)
5. If you move within the County, notify registrar of change of address. If you move as late as 10 days before election, vote at former polling place and notify registrar of the change after election.

GENERAL ELECTIONS – held in even years, first Tuesday following first Monday in November.
PRIMARIES – second Wednesday in September preceding General Election.

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IMPORTANT LETTER
FROM CHILD TO PARENTS

Dear Mother and Father:

I learned that for the first time in the history of Georgia, Negro Deputy Registrars have been sworn in to register people to vote. These Special Deputy Registrars will be in charge of registering people at the Negro high schools from 5PM - 9PM on certain days.

I am too young to register, please register for our family for better schools, better jobs, better police protection, etc.

Sign this letter so that I can take it back to school.

( ) I will go to register at the high school nearest me.

( ) I am a registered voter and will urge my friends to register.

Mother _____ Father _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Detach

REGISTER NOW
5PM - 9PM

WHEN	WHERE
March 31,April 1	Turner High
April 2	West Fulton
April 9	Walter George
April 13,14	Howard High
April 15,16	Price High
April 20	Archer High
April 21	Harper High
April 22,23	Washington High

This Bus Will Be Re-routed Today So That You Can Register To Vote. Go To West Fulton High School, 1890 Bankhead Avenue, N.W. Phones: 794-4116, 794-4642.

IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED, OR IF YOU WERE ONCE REGISTERED AND HAVE NOT VOTED IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, YOU NEED TO RE-REGISTER. IF YOU HAVE MOVED AND NOT CHANGED YOUR VOTING ADDRESS WITH THE COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, THEN YOU NEED TO DO THIS, TOO. REGISTER OR RE-REGISTER TODAY. FROM 4:15 until 9:30 THIS AFTERNOON, ALL CENTER HILL BUSES WILL OPERATE OVER CHARLOTTE PLACE TO BANKHEAD AVENUE AND WEST FULTON HIGH SCHOOL, THEN TO SOUTH ELIZABETH AND BACK TO BAKER ROAD. YOU MAY RIDE TO WEST FULTON, GET OFF, GET A FREE TRANSFER FROM THE DRIVER, REGISTER AND CATCH THE NEXT BUS HOME. IT WILL ONLY TAKE A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME TO BECOME A REGISTERED VOTER. WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOU. DON'T LET US AND YOURSELF DOWN! BE THERE!

2,500 New Voters Campaign Goal At Turner Hi School

Atl. Daily 3/29/64

Not less than 2,500 new registered voters by Wednesday night is the goal of the All - Citizens Registration Committee, chairman Jesse Hill, Jr., said Saturday.

The registration drive, initiated two weeks ago as some 500 volunteers have worked door -to - door contacts in the Turner High School area, highlights one of most intense efforts ever in Atlanta. Workers have reported that one of each three persons who could qualify is not yet registered. The workers will make back - calls Tuesday and Wednesday nights to followup on persons already seen.

94 DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Registration will be speeded up by 35 colored Deputy Registrars. It is the first time in Fulton County that they have been used. Ninety-four colored Deputy Registrars were sworn in during the week. They will help check, test and enroll applicants.

Books will be open between the hours of 5 p. m. and 9 p. m. Tuesday at Turner High School. A program of entertainment in the school's auditorium is also scheduled for Tuesday night.

Free transportation to and from Turner High School has been arranged. Too, city buses will alter regular routes near the school, every other run, to accommodate persons seeking to register. Persons wishing rides during the registration time may use one of the following pick-up stations:

Gordon Road Methodist Church, 2009 Gordon Road, Tel. 344-4126; Allen Temple Church, West Lake at Simpson, Tel. 794-2431; Flamingo Grill, 2187 Verbena; Dixie Hill Baptist Church, Morehouse Drive, Te. SY 4-6164; Johnson Shell Station, 1981 Simpson, Tel. 794-9294; and Waluhaje, 239 Westlake, Tel. 794-2431

A street parade is on Tuesday's program. Scheduled to move off from Turner High School at 4:30 p. m., it will follow this route:

To Anderson Ave., to Waterberry, to Penelope, to Joe Louis Drive, to Tiger Flowers Drive and to Anderson Park and the school.

Sound trucks will also work the area within a two mile radius of the school to round up non - voters.

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VOTE HUNT ON-TODAY

Atl. Hub 7/31/64

A hunt for 2,500 more registered voters in the Turner High School area swings into full gear today and continues through tomorrow.

The drive, sponsored by the All-Citizens Registration Committee, will include the services of 35 of 94 Negro Deputy Registrars sworn in last week. It will be the first time in history that such deputy registrars have been used. Registration will be conducted at Turner High School between 5 p. m. and 9 p. m.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton
From: John Due

April 1, 1964

Re: Field Trip to Turner High School, Atlanta, First Area Drive of the All-Citizens Registration Committee, March 31

Requested by WAB March 31 to seek and observe the "Y"'s participation in the Registration Drive of the All-Citizens Registration Committee, and to determine their approach, use, and problems they may have, I was advised to contact Miss Connie Curry. I finally found her at a meeting at SRC and she forwarded me to seek Miss Jackie Wilkes, the YWCA Coordinator with the youth. Miss Wilkes was finally reached at Turner High School at 2:00 P.M.

Middlebrook was the first person I recognized, who was sitting downstairs in the cafeteria who directed me to the gymnasium upstairs where I saw 50-60 college type kids sitting about the stage and chairs, being led unenthusiastically in Freedom song singing. Among these types, only two were Negroes. Sitting on chairs holding forth among themselves were a couple of young ladies, one by prior description, I recognized to be the Miss Jackie Wilkes.

I introduced myself and my purpose, and she immediately responded to that part having to do with "any problems." She peevishly said, "We sure have problems" and was about to tell them to me, but I thought that it would be better to fill myself in on the background.

She told me that there is a national group which calls itself the "National Student Union" to which the YWCA and the YMCA are associated with; and for a program of activity, it decided to involve the group in Voter Registration during their Spring vacation, their purpose being that skills would be acquired which would be applied in their own community registration when they return home. Approximately 600 students over the nation are now involved in registration in Berkly; Raleigh, North Carolina; Greensboro, North Carolina; Richmond, Virginia; Louisville; St. Louis, as well as Atlanta.

In Atlanta, 20 youth began working last week in canvassing and at the Courthouse, and 40 more began this week. Their approach at the Courthouse (where Negroes are queuing up to pay their taxes in order to get their license tags) is to give a spiel to each person about registration. One young lady who has been following John Middlebrook around told me that she has been working at the Courthouse. She does not believe that the approach is at all effective. The people either "shut you out" completely, or ask you a paternizing question such as "Where?", and then after the purchase of their tags, leave rather than spend a few minutes more in going to register.

Miss Wilkes described to me the "Chain of Command" as it involves her kids with the SCLC program as being Jessie Hill to Andrew Young, with Fred Bennett being on the same level to John Gibson, the VEP (?) person, to Jackie Wilkes (Coordinator).

I then asked Miss Wilkes what her problem was. Her main problem was "inactivity." Janice Wilkes (no relation), one of the SCLC "temporaries," and Jackie Wilkes had mapped out areas of concentrated canvassing to be done before 4:30 around the Turner High area. At 11:30 A.M., Mr. Jesse Hill said No, he had a better idea, and told them to wait until he came. At 2:30 he had not come and although I stayed until 4:00 P.M., I still have not had the occasion to meet Mr. Jesse Hill.

So that was why everyone was sitting around half heartedly singing "Freedom Songs" which one could hardly recognize after Canton and Quincy. And then a small boy walked by with a basketball, and the interest in a basketball game (with 60 players?) was aroused, which was cut off by an argument between two Negro youth which I found to be the Miss Janice Wilkes and John Gibson, both of whom are SCLC staffers. Janice was angry because she was the "Project Director" and here came John Gibson and takes over the whole thing, etc. Jackie then put her arms around both of them attempting to get them to make up. I felt very uneasy, wondering how did WAB know that they were having problems, but I passed everything off. I told Jackie that these are surely just temporary problems hardly worth making a report on, for surely successful campaigns have similar types of problems, but she only looked at me in an incredulous fashion.

Then Harold Middlebrook walked over and named off about 12 persons standing around and took them downstairs to the cafeteria. He then told them that part of them (6) would be involved in "Operation Bus." The transit company had re-routed the Dixie-Hills Bus to Turner High (and also Mason Turner?), that every 15 minutes after 4:30, a bus will have a load of persons as they get off from work available to a person from the All-Registration Committee with their Registration Official Card until 9:00 P.M. to give a canned speech for the people to register and vote. Harold Middlebrook told me he was chairman of Communications and the "S.E. Area."

Janice Wilkes was still pouting, but was persuaded to finally explain "Operation Double-Check." The other part of this group downstairs was to do a double check on people who are going to register, to take names and addresses so as to check against the Canvass List with the purpose to go to those who did not vote.

Miss Jackie Wilkes had tole me that everything seemed to have broken down because of lack of central authority. Mr. Fred Bennett entered

about this time of apparent mass confusion, and I awaited a display of authority. While Miss Janice Wilkes was explaining "Double Check," Mr. Bennet walked assertedly to the table where a lady (I later found to be Miss Blaboy) was working with registration lists, took a large white sack, passed a few words I assumed at that time to be orders, and then came and sat at a table. I expected him to take an interest in the discussion, but instead, from the white sack, he took out a half chicken.

I then went back upstairs, it being so quiet, and found that John Gibson had just explained to them what the large group of kids would be doing. They had divided the area around Turner High into five areas to which the 40 had been assigned. There were six cars (belonging to the youth) and an SCLC Ford Minibus to be used by them. (At this time, it was after 3:00 P.M.) I then went back down to the cafeteria where Mrs. Blaboy was working so industriously, finding the telephone numbers of persons on canvass sheets.

I introduced myself to her, and she enthusiastically explained to me how the Registration Procedure was going to be conducted. As a person comes in, he goes by a desk where he will be directed to a table concerned with the street on which the person lives. All of the tables in the room (about 20 odd) will be alphabetized. As the person reaches his table, the Deputy Registrar will read to the person the shortest phrase in the Georgia Constitution, which the person must repeat and then write on the yellow paper. Of course, before this, the Deputy Registrar will have typed the person's name, address, precinct, etc. Then the person must write his name and address.

Miss Blaboy, when I asked a question about her status in the program, said she does not know whether she is a SCLC staffer or not, said she works at Rich's, and took time off to work in registration, and said that she does only what they tell her to do. She was very proud of her program approved by Mr. Jesse Hill, that in an area of registration, beginning with Turner High, is built around (1) leadership, (2) workshops, (3) ministers. In the first, all the community leaders are to be contacted and involved; in the second, a prior workshop is held (by the Field Director, John Gibson) to explain the techniques; and in the third, the ministers are to be involved. For the Turner High Project, the workshop had been held Monday at Allen Temple, with specific emphasis on the use of the PTA, with Mrs. Lynch being the SCLC Coordinator, and the PTA furnishing the section leaders.

Miss Blaboy also told me that she prepares the agenda for staff meetings every morning, explained to me the pick-up stations where transportation is to be provided, (it appeared that there are about 10), and was proud of her idea that a talent show will be going on upstairs

in the auditorium while Negroes are registering. A group of ministers and Senator Leroy Johnson will be at the doors, urging people to register, and tonight, (April 1), Martin Luther King, Jr. will be at the doors.

John Middlebrook then explained what his function was, being in the area of communications and publicity. He told me that there shall be three sound trucks in three areas around Turner High. Then a Mr. Sears of WAOK drove up, and he was assigned to the "Parade" which will be from West Lake Park to Turner High. I asked Middlebrook whether bands will participate. He said No. Turner High withdrew because they need more practice. Mr. Sears will furnish recorded band music.

At about this time, (4:00 P.M.) Mr. Bennet called for a staff meeting, but no one seemed to pay any attention to him. John Gibson was sitting off in a corner. I introduced myself to him. I asked him about his background, and he told me that he has been with SCLC in Danville, Virginia, and had just returned from North Carolina, where you can register only three days a year. I then asked Middlebrook about his background, and he said he has been with SCLC for the last two years, started the Student Movement in Memphis in 1960, was active in Voter Registration in Texas, and just helped SNCC solve some of its problems (racism among the staff).

Mrs. Blaboy having told me that BW was to be there as a deputy at 4:30, I reluctantly took leave of Turner High.

April 2, 1964

Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr., Chairman
All Citizens Registration Committee
Atlanta Life Insurance Company
148 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303 RE: VEP 4-7

Dear Mr. Hill:

I regret very much the seeming repercussions of my remarks in your staff meeting this morning. Equally regrettable is the fact that you were not present to hear them. As I agreed in my telephone conversation with you, I will now attempt to set forth these observations which you indicated seemed to have such a "demoralizing" effect on your staff. I do not propose that the paragraphs which follow will present a precise recount of my remarks, as I was speaking from notes, and not a prepared statement. Had I been sagacious enough, I would have prepared a statement so that at least I could have checked to see if I had been quoted accurately.

I will remind you that my remarks are not founded on hearsay, but based on actual participation of two days in voter registration activities at Turner High School.

This morning, I prefaced my remarks with a comment that I was not criticizing any individual's performance, but was really attempting to point out what I considered areas in which your organization could benefit from some re-examination of its campaign structure. With this in mind, I hope you will accept the following remarks in the spirit in which they were given; an attempt to be helpful in an effort which has potential for tremendous success.

<u>Canvassing</u>: It appears that Mrs. Yancey, John Gibson, and the "Y" students and others have done an admirable job of canvassing the neighborhoods surrounding the registration points. It is disturbing, however, that the canvassing which has been done by the workers apparently is not being used fruitfully in an effort

to reach the non-registrants. It would appear that sufficient time elapses between the canvassing and the actual registration for someone to compile in some manner a list of unregistered individuals. It would appear also that these lists could in turn be used to reach these people and transport them to the nearest registration point.

Telephoning does not seem to be an effective means of reaching these people. It seems that you have now registered the "Cream of the Crop", and are beginning to deal with the hard-core difficult situations where you need more personal contact, (consequently, more time involved) is needed to successfully cope with the problem. The forty "Y" students who have been in residence this week provided available manpower which could have been used in this way. I am not suggesting that they were not used, but I merely point out that on Tuesday night, many of the students and the staff were standing idly in the halls of Turner High School. On last night, I overheard several students asking to be assigned to some task.

Transportation: I understand that there are designated pickup points in the area surrounding Turner High School. On the first night, many problems were encountered with the manning of these stations, and the dispatch of cars to and from the school. I thought there was an attempt made to deal with the problem following the first night of registration in which it was suggested that several people man each station with someone always being present to telephone the school so that a car might be dispatched if none was there. As I indicated to you earlier, I was asked to temporarily man a telephone last night and received several calls in which it was indicated that cars should be dispatched post haste as prospective registrants were becoming impatient and were leaving. One gentleman passed a pickup point where several people were standing unattended, and took them to the school. It is my understanding that Rev. Harrell was responsible for the coverage at the pickup points. These situations were reported to him. I also observed that a bus or busses were being used to transport small numbers of people to the school, which seems a waste. Apparently the number of cars you had been promised did not materialize and people often had to wait for some time for transportation to and from the school. I must say that the idea of having a sound truck and bus rove the streets together seemed to produce measurable results.

Personnel: I realize the number of problems which can arise in an undertaking of the nature of a voter registration campaign. It does seem to me that whether the individuals who are assigned tasks have no real understanding of the assignments, or no real appreciation of the value of having them executed appropriately. For instance, last evening, one young man was dispatched to get food for the deputy registrars at about 6 o'clock. When I was asked to participate in the registration at about 8:30, the young man still had not returned with the food. Neither had he called to report any difficulty. It would appear that when individuals are rendering a service voluntarily, and are doing an effective job, this represents a discourtesy to them and makes for poor public relations.

I realize that you are operating with a limited staff, but it does seem that you and that staff would want to sit down and decide upon priorities so that each individuals does not end up with several assignments, all of which have to be completed at the same time. I would hope that you would take a look at the nature of the assignments being given your people and then consider the possibility of perhaps hiring some other persons or enlisting the aid of some more volunteers so that your experienced staff could be released for more valuable assignments. This morning, not all staff members received assignments for the day. Several people received multiple assignments. In this same vein, responsibility for assignments should be accompanied by authority to execute them.

In summary, it would appear that your program is suffering from an organized approach to the problem. I understand that there are procedural plans available to you, and I would wonder why there does not seem to be closer coordination of activities in view of this.

Now that your first three days of registration are almost behind you, I would hope that you and everyone involved in this affair will take a hard, cold, look at the activities of this week and decide where you need to strengthen your organization. I indicated this morning, and I reiterate, that the resources of the staff here are available to you. I hope you will see fit to use us in any way you deem appropriate. My remarks were in no way intended to belittle the efforts of any person involved in your campaign; however, I did feel strongly compelled to make the observations and I had hoped that they would be accepted in the manner in which

they were offered. Needless to say, some of these same observations have been made not only by "outsiders" but by members of your own staff. I will say again, if there is any way I can be of any help to you, please feel free to call me.

I have not attempted to deal with the problem of your reporting to us in this letter because I feel this is a problem which requires an extended conference between us.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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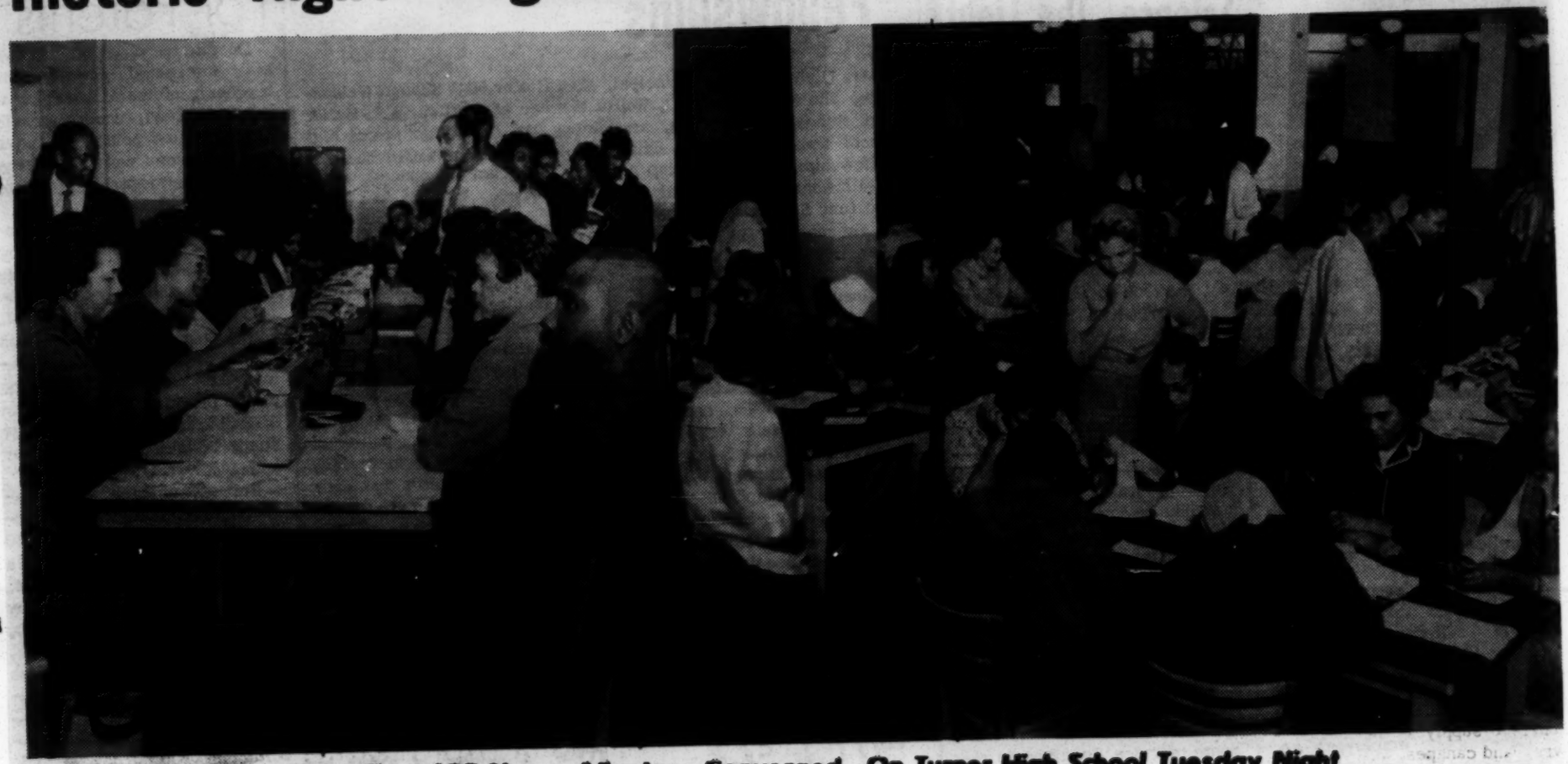
cc: Rev. Andrew Young

Historic Night Neighborhood Voter Registration Scenes



More Than 600 Negro Atlantans Converged On Turner High School Tuesday Night To Get Their Names On The Registration Books For Fulton County.

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The History Making First Georgia Negro Deputy Registrars

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Big Vote Drive Underway More Volunteers Needed

Atlanta's All-Citizens Registration Committee has underway the biggest vote drive staged in the city in over a decade. The campaign is spearheaded by a dedicated group of regular registration workers, supported by the 94 Negro Deputy Registrars, Principal Dan F. Davis and over 100 Turner High Students, PTA groups, 75 YWCA, College students from various sections of the country and a cadre of SCLC field secretaries.

The Committee kicked off its neighborhood night registration program Tuesday night at Turner High School, and it was a big success. From 6 PM to 9 PM a group of 50 alert

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Negro volunteer deputy registrars, mostly office workers, made history by efficiently registering some 600 citizens to vote. The group worked under the direction of Dr. Lois B. Moreland, the Director of the Committee's Registrar's team. Dr. Moreland was assisted in supervision by Mrs. Ella Mae Brayboy, Committee

DR. LOIS MORELAND

Secretary. Fulton Registrar Leon Hay and his Chief Deputy Young Howell commended the special Negro Deputies and offered very high praise of the general skill and supervision by Dr. Moreland.

Jesse Hill, Jr., General Chairman of the Committee told the Inquirer, "To paraphrase in word and thought Winston Churchill, never before has our community been more indebted to so few for doing so much for so many." Mr. Hill indicated that a minimum of 500 more volunteer block captains are needed, 200 telephone workers are needed and 100 cars or busses for transportation. Citizens are asked to urge that ministers and church organizations as well as social clubs join the crusade for more registered voters. To volunteer call 524-1378.

On Tuesday night, a neighborhood parade led by Senator LeRoy R. Johnson covered a two-mile radius of Turner High School. The parade was under the direction of Parade chairman Mr. Thelma Wilkerson. The parade was sparked by Radio Station WAOK, Zenas Sears, Edmond Patterson and the "Dr. Feel Good" music group.

Active among the transportation volunteers was Coach John W. Merkerson leading a team of graduate Phi Beta Sigma men.

The Registration Committee, in addition to being in charge of registration at Turner High and predominantly-white West Fulton High this week also will sponsor registration from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at David T. Howard High on April 13 and 14; Price High, April 15 and 16; Archer High, April 20; Harper High April 21 and Booker T. Washington High, April 22 and 23.

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Support Voter Registration, Democrats Urge

Atl. Daily Herald
4-4-64 p.6.

Support for the All-Citizens Registration Committee in its all-out drive here was expressed Thursday night by the Fulton County Democratic Club, W. H. "Chief" Aiken, president.

The committee urged all members to aid the voter registration group in every way possible, and to help account for at least 30,000 new registrants before the May 2 state deadline.

Neighborhood registration is being stepped up, it was ponted out, and all citizens should see to it that all in their households and in their neighborhoods are on the voter lists. Negro deputy registrars are registering citizens at convenient night, neighborhood centers.

The registration will take place from 5 to 9 p. m. next week and through the month as follows: April 9, Walter George High School; April 13-14, Howard High; April 15-16, Price High; April 20, Archer High; April 21, Harper High; April 22-23, Booker T. Washington High.

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IT'S HERE!

NIGHT REGISTRATION

5 TO 9 P.M.

Apr. 9	Walter George	Apr. 22-23	BTW Hi
Apr. 13-14	Howard Hi	Apr. 20	Archer Hi
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Neighborhood Voter Registration Hikes Fulton County Total

Atl. Daily World 4-5-64, p.1.

By STANLEY S. SCOTT
(World's News Staff)

Latest registration figures released by Fulton County chief registrar Leon G. Hay show that 191,000 persons have already qualified to vote in the local, state and presidential races in '64.

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The massive voter registration drive, spearheaded by the All - Citizens Registration Committee, staffed with 94 Negro deputy registrars and volunteer workers throughout the city, has set a goal of 200.000 registered voters before the May 2 deadline.

One reason for the upsurge in registration has been directly attributed to the convenient night registration plan instituted this year by Hay's office.

Another prime factor in the record registration increase has been the utilization of Negro deputies, for the first time in Georgia history — to register voters at predominately Negro neighborhood centers.

TURNER HI SUCCESS

The neighborhood, night registration plan was hailed as a tremendous success this past week when some 1,283 persons were registered at Turner High School on March 31- April 1, and at West Fulton on April 2. Officials say more than ninety - five percent of these newly qualified voters were Negroes.

A similar plan for neighborhood registration has been scheduled for the remainder of the month at the following locations:

Walter George School, April 9; Howard High School, April 13-14; Price High School, April 15-16; Archer High School, April 20; Harper High School, April 21; Booker T. Washington High School, April 22-23. For the convenience of working families, the registration books will be open at all of the schools from 5 to 9 p. m., officials stated.

INDICATES INTEREST

An indication of the mounting interest of persons to become registered to vote, Mr. Hay said, is pointed up in the fact that 3,114 persons registered in the metropoli-

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and other southwest residents will be directed to Southwest High, Monday night April 6 for registration.

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The successful neighborhood program last week was coordinated by the crash drive, Mrs. Ella Mae Brayboy, committee secretary; Mrs. Carolyn Yancey, PTA Coordinator; Rev. Fred Bennette, vice chairman; John Gibson, YWCA College Team Coordinator, Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Harrell Transportation and Pick - Up Stations; Samuel Chisholm, Dixie Hills Leader; Charles Hart, Grove Park leader; Robert Jackson, Anderson Park PTA leader, Rev. Robert Johnson, E. C. Clement PTA leader; James Simpson, Rosalie Wright PTA leader; Rev. J. A. Middleton, Turner High PTA leader; Mrs. Beckels, Haugabrooks Academy PTA leader, Mrs. Agnes Moore, Frank L. Stanton PTA leader, and Principal Daniel F. Davis of Turner who described as just "terrific."

A special effort will be made to involve the ministers this week. The committee is calling upon each pastor to form a special church voter registration committee and to agree to lead a march or motorcade from his church to one of the Negro high schools that he selects.

Southside citizens working with the committee will converge on Sylvan Hills, Fulton and Walter George high schols even the Negro committee is not sponsoring Negro Deputy Registrars will be available for duty at these schools.

Bennie T. Smith, Committee Vice Chairman and Southside leader, and Rev. Middlebrooks have been coordinating the advance planning for this area. Peyton Road and other southwest residents will be directed to Southwest High, Monday night April 6 for registration.

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April 9, 1964

Mrs. Edwina Smith
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Edwina:

Thanks so much for the pictures.

Will you please send me some shots from Turner? never rec'd

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

Vote Drive Hits Southwest Area Here Tonight

The All-Citizens Registration Committee, staffed with 94 Negro deputy registrars and volunteer workers throughout the city, will canvass the southwest Atlanta community tonight in an effort to qualify potential voters.

According to Fulton County chief registrar Leon G. Hay, the neighborhood registration mobile unit will be set up at the Walter F. George School, 3200 Latona Dr., SW.

The voter registration books will remain open at the school from 5 to 9 p. m., officials stated.

An unprecedented drive to register 200,000 people before the fall election cut-off date, May 2, has resulted in the addition of over 13,000 citizens on the registrar's roster since January 1, 1964.

Atl. Daily World
4-9-64

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The Enviable Opportunity Of The Westside Voters League Envisioned

The Westside Voters League, upon taking on new life insofar as sentiment is concerned and the enthusiasm of its new official personnel, should realize the important obligation and the responsibility inherited in this political and civic evolution in which we are cast.

Long time on the fore in inquiry and effective treatment of many of the political and civic ills affecting our society, this organization comes into the heritage of new opportunities touching the general welfare of our citizens.

The take-off at the Mount Moriah Baptist Church was truly inspirational. The gathering present for the installation of the new official staff by Donald L. Whittemore was jubilant over the new staff and in many measures assured that cooperation so much needed at this time of a new political dawn upon our people.

Just now we are engaged in piling up a heavy voter registration. We need all hands upon deck in this unprecedented drive for the enlistment of all 18-year-old voter prospects for the coming elections.

The voter-registration books will be carried to certain schools in the community in order for students and adults who have to work and cannot get to the Courthouse during working hours to get registered. These special registration places will be open at night. They will be listed in this newspaper.

The Westside Voters League and the All-Citizens Registration Committee and other organizations interested in getting more citizens qualified to vote have a wonderful opportunity to meet this challenge for better representation and better government.

Success to the efforts of these organizations, and only enthusiastic interest and cooperation on the part of the people can make this possible.

Let all join in this worthy effort to get more voters participating in the selection of those who are to govern us and pass judgment on our freedom and liberty.

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SIGHTLESS, BUT VOTING

Dr. P. J. Woods, the founder and present Executive Director of the Metropoliatn Atlanta Association For the Blind, has joined other responsible citizens in the voting registration campaign here in Atlanta. Miss Mike, a staff member with the Association for over 10 years heading the Department of Instructor in Communicative Skills, will head the program once again teaching the blind the art of being a citizen and their responsibilities in selecting qualified candidates to assure government for the people and by the people.

This organization founded in 1943 services nearly three hundred persons, over one hundred blind individuals each week taking part in various activities like crafts, travel, home management and others. Also other areas of consideration for their physical welfare have been instituted as Rehabilitations, Job Placement, Physical Restorations as well as an assorted amount of projects.

In an Inquirer interview, Dr. P. J. Woods was proud to announce that machinery has already been set up to assist these people. A report revealed last year that: "Nearly two hundred persons are now gainfully employed in sheltered shops and vending stands, other small businesses, in dark room technicians' jobs, domestic work, sales, packing, teaching positions and others."

There are daily discussions of currents events, newspaper editorials and other informational material. "If a person," stated Miss Mike, "comes to the center who isn't a registered voter he is given instruction and encouragement to become one. This service is also extended to all the adult members of his family."

"It is safe to say," Dr. Woods pointed out, "that there have been instances when sighted persons haven't been registered and the blind persons haven't been registered and the blind person will interest members of his or her family in the value of being a "citizen."

The task throughout the years of registering blind persons has been an ardous ordeal in that the Georgia Registration Law requires all persons unable to read or write to answer several questions. Some of them were as follows: "What is a republican form of government? A GOVERNMENT OF, BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE" or What is the definition of a felony in Georgia? ANY CRIME PUNISHABLE BY DEATH OR IMPRIS-

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MENT IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY."

She pointed out that even at the polls the blind people have the right to request two attendants so that they can receive the proper guidance necessary to vote intelligently in that their vote must be verbal. They also are instructed in using the voting machine so that their vote will register officially. It was interestingly noted by Dr. P. J. Woods and agreeable with Miss Mike that the sighted person should take cognizant of the fact they must remember to register again if they miss voting within three years because as he stated: "We haven't lost four people from the lack of voting in the last twelve years."

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SOME URGE EXPOSING NEGLIGENT CITIZENS

4-11-64

(SEE PICTURE BELOW)

The All-Citizens Registration in a dead earnest effort to increase Negro Voter Registration in Atlanta to 75,000 is employing extensive research as well as door to door canvass and telephoning.

A Research Committee composed of Eric Kinberg, Mrs. Ella Mae Brayboy and Mrs. Carolyn D. Yancey completed a study of Negro voter registration potential and actual registration of voting age persons by residential areas. The result showed that citywide only 1 out of every 3 Negroes were registered at the most. In some areas of the city only 1 out of 4, and still others only 1 out of 5 were registered.

The alarmed Committee decided to go further in the matter and special provision was made to purchase from the county an official current list of registered voters by street addresses.

The Committee was shocked to note that many of Atlanta's well known citizens, professionals and ministers were not registered to vote. The names of some persons who have been active in politics are missing from the official list. In many homes of well known families only the wife or husband is registered to vote not both.

Jesse Hill, Jr., General

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Chairman of the Committee, stated, "we are investigating this further. We are under pressure to publish names, but we will not do this at the present time. This is a serious matter, the registrars office may have made a mistake. However, if they have made a mistake we should have nearly 75,000 Negro voters now instead of 50,000. Our registration leaders will be instructed to talk to some people like ministers privately. I hope the Registrar has made a mistake and understated our regist: ation. This could give us 75,000 registered voters for this fall. Then we will go for 100,000 for the city elections next year."

Neighborhood Registration next week moves to the 4th Ward of the city. Citizens will be able to register from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M. at David T. Howard High; April 13 and 14th; at Price High, April 15th and 16th, Northeast and Southside registration leaders along with P.T.A. leaders will coordinate the registration at these schools. According to Miss Christine Hurt, Samuel Sheats, E. J. Shephard, Rev. E. L. Thomas of the Northeast; Bennie T. Smith, L.D. Simon and Mrs. Kempson of the Southside they hope to register 5,000 4th Ward Citizens.

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APRIL 15, 16	PRICE	APRIL 21	HARPER

APRIL 22-23 WASHINGTON

All-Citizens Registration Committee Phone

PL. 5-6793 799-5045 524-1378

N. E. Churches To Push Voter Registration

Ministers with churches in the Northeast section of Atlanta are being asked to help push voter registration, The Rev. E. L. Thomas, President of the Northeast Civic Community Council, said Friday.

Rev. Thomas said ministers were being asked to make announcements from their pulpits Sunday that voter registration will take place at Howard High School April 13 and 14 from 5 p. m. until 9 p. m.

The council is affiliated with the All Citizens Registration Committee, and the Southern Christian Leadership Council. An effort will be made to get 5,000 registered voters from the area on the books, Rev. Thomas said.

This extra effort is for people who have to work late, and cannot visit the Fulton County Courthouse during regular registration hours.

Rev. Thomas said most of the ministers had been contacted.

The pickup stations as follows:

PICK UP STATIONS

Rev. P. F. Ransom—Butler St. Baptist Church—284 Butler St. NE

Rev. M. L. King—Ebenezer Bapt. 413 Auburn Ave.

Rev. Smith—Israel Bapt.—70 Daniel St. SE.

Dr. Melvin Watson—Liberty Bapt. 395 Chamberlian SE.

Rev. Luther Thomas—Little Friendship Bapt.—302 Merritts Ave.

Mt. Pleasant Bapt. Church—611 McGruder St. NE.

Rev. Homer M. Smith—Mt. Sinai Bapt.—422 Merritts Ave.

Rev. E. R. Searcy—Mt. Zion Second Bapt. —137 Boulevard NE.

Rev. M. Willis—New Springfield Bapt.—182 Linden NE.

Rev. Frank Jones—Piney Grove Bapt.—101 Boulevard NE.

Rev. O. S. Hamilton—St. Luke Bapt.—476 Glen Iris Dr.

Rev. Edward H. Dorsey—Tabernacle Bapt.—475 Boulevard N. E.

Rev. William Holmes Borders—Wheat St. Bapt. 13 Young St. NE.

Rev. Homer C. McEwen—First Congregational 105 Courtland

Rev. J. D. Grier Jr.—Fort St. Memorial Methodist—562 Boulevard

Rev. Shorts —Linden Avenue Institutional C. M. E.—286 Linden Ave.

Rev. W. T. Gilliard—St. Peter A. M. E. 637 Highland Ave.

Rev. Hiram O'Neal—National Divine Spirtualist—18 Jackson NE.

Rev. H. I. Bearden—Big Bethel A. M. E. 220 Auburn Ave. NE

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April 13, 1964

The Rev. Andrew Young
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Attention Mrs. Edwina Smith

Dear Andy:

Re VEP 4-7

When we made our initial grant of $2000 to SCLC on March 21, 1964, in support of the voter registration program in Atlanta, in cooperation with the All Citizens Registration Committee, it was our understanding that SCLC would contribute $3000 to the project and also provide staff personnel. Also that another $3200 would be raised in the Atlanta community. Preliminary reports indicate that the neighborhood registration program is bringing good results but the financial contribution of SCLC has not been what was expected and the local fund-raising has not yet produced any visible results. VEP will not renege on its commitment even though others have fallen down since we feel that the success of the program depends upon money at this time. We, therefore, enclose our check in the amount of $1000 which we are sending as a supplemental grant for the Atlanta program.

The same restrictions and conditions are imposed upon

this grant as were imposed upon the initial grant made on March 21, and I wish to remind you that no portion of these funds shall be used for the payment of any meals or food service or for the payment of salaries to deputy registrars. These funds are not to be used for the payment of any bills which ~~accrued~~ or arose prior to March 21, 1964.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl
enc. 1

cc: Mr. Jessie Hill

Registration Gets Boost; Funds Needed

Atlanta Daily World 4-15-64

Voter registration got a big boost in Northeast Atlanta Monday and Tuesday evenings, and will proceed tonight and Thursday night at Price High School.

The All - Citizens Registration Committee reported that upwards of 500 persons turned to become full-fledged citizens Monday night, despite the rain during the effort at David T. Howard School. The committee urged unregistered Southeast citizens to report to Price High and take advantage of community registratio nwhere 94 Negro deputy registrars are assisting the work.

Meanwhile the All-Citizens Registration Committee called on residents to support an effort to raise $10,000 in order to perpetuate a year-round program. A special finance committee has geen chosen to meet a reported "financial crisis" due to the costs assumed by the All-Citizens Committee in neighborhood registration at seven high schools and the attendant operations.

The committee is headed by Herman J. Russell, while other members include Dr. Asa Yancey, Dr. Huey E. Charlton, C. N. Cornell, James R. Hayley, C. W. Lathers, Atty. R. E. Thomas and J. R. Wilson Jr. Treasurer of the committee, to whom all contributions should be directed, is C. R. Yates. Headquarters for the committee is 334 Auburn Ave., N. E.

It was pointed out by committeemen that some $3,200 is needed before April 20 - next Monday - in order not to cripple the present drive. The Registration committee has borrowed $2,000 from the Voter Education Project to keep the campaign going, it was stated.

The funds are used to provide some care materials and tools for the community registrars assisting in the neighborhood drive, according to the committee. Checks payable to the Voter Education Project are tax deductible, it was stated.

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April 23, 1964

The Rev. Andrew Young
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: VEP 4-7

Dear Andy:

I enclose herein our VEP check in the amount of $1,000 in support of the Atlanta program in cooperation with with All Citizens Registration Committee. This represents the final payment on our $4,000 commitment.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

Encl.

cc: Mr. Jesse Hill

Research copy

April 24, 1964

M E M O R A N D U M CONFIDENTIAL

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Weldon J. Rougeau

Re: ATLANTA VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

Perhaps the most tragic thing about Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle is that Rip slept so long, he slept through an entire revolution. When he arose from his cradle of somnolence , he found himself a stranger among his own people. Incredulously Rip was almost like a mendicant friar begging for someone to recognize him.

In my opinion, Atlanta has quite a few "Rip Van Winkles" among the Negro leadership, and I sincerely hope someone will awaken them to the facts of life in the midst of our revolution while there is still time.

Only men who are asleep would allow Jesse Hill, the titular head of the All Citizens Registration Committee (whatever that is) to take the reins of a wild horse when he has never seen a horse before.

Only men who are asleep would allow a man like the Reverend "General" Fred C. Bennette (he wears a star in his lapel), to supervise a group of hard working young people who want to contribute something worthwhile to the movement. If his supervision were CARE packages, many families would die of starvation. In my opinion, his behavior during the drive is a discredit to the nonviolent movement and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, by whom he is employed.

From all indications, little or no effort was put into planning for the Atlanta registration drive. The movement of people in a drive, their interest, and application to their duties, are usually indications that care has been taken in organizing and interesting people for a campaign of this nature.

In my opinion, too much authority was placed in the hands of Mr. Jesse Hill, and this was detrimental to the drive because it eventually caused widespread dissension among the workers. Naturally, someone has to be a leader, but that person should use diplomacy and common sense by giving people in the drive some kind of opportunity to be creative.

I feel that Mr. Hill erred in this respect. He was obviously too busy to devote the time a coordinator should give to such an endeavor.

Perhaps Mr. Hill will say that he had someone in charge, but it is my sincere belief that that person or people were not capable of keeping the group functioning as a cohesive body interested in registering more than an "average" number of people. Instead, there were many people around registration places with nothing to do except stand in the way of prospective registrants.

Many of the people who had been given supervision of certain "areas" were not allowed to function creatively because there was a day-to-day changing of tactics in an attempt to increase productivity.

It is my belief that when conducting a drive for registration, there should be pre-planning of daily activities for each work area with only minor changes being made, if necessary. There should also be a committee of individuals who have been given specific leadership roles and these people should be the ones who meet and make joint decisions, on the basis of the knowldege of all people concerned with a given area.

Part of the blame must also rest on the shoulders of the Rev. Andrew Young because he failed to provide firm leadership, even while he was noticing what was happening to many of his staff members. Strong men do not succumb to problems involved in confronting situations which could leave a party agrieved - they find constructive solutions to keep a project and its participants on an even keel. The morale of Rev. Young's staff members was ruined by his failure to do anything about correcting it, for fear he would arouse Mr. Hill's wrath. This is sheer "tommyrot" and in my best judgment, Mr. Hill's absence from the drive would not have stymied the movement of prospective registrants at any location in the county.

A large part of the leaflet publicity was redundant, grammatically incorrect, and faulty in editing. Several thousand leaflets were never distributed in the community simply because there were too many of them, or not enough people to distribute them.

There were also several instances where students from high schools and colleges were allowed to stand around waiting for something to do with leaflets, and no one was around to show them what should be done and where it should be done. I feel that the radio spot announcements were responsible for most of the people registering. This became evident from questioning persons who came to register.

More could have been done with newspaper and television publicity, but then again, when Mr. Hill would say, "No!", his words had to be listened to, and many aspects of the project were being neglected. I am of the opinion that when conducting a drive, all parts of one's machine have to function together.

The sound trucks were not utilized as extensively as they should have been. For the most part, they arrived at the scene of registration too late in the evening and did not spend enough time out in the community. My feeling is that one should use a sound truck out in the streets giving registration information, and should be followed by cars for transporting anyone desirous of registering. There was not a single time during my stay that I learned of a person responsible for organizing and directing sound trucks in and around a place designated for registration. There was also an insufficient number of sound trucks available for use.

The canvassing program was ostensibly disorganized. No one seemed to know anything about mapping an area out for canvassing, or whether there would be canvassing on the night of registration. Many high school and college students who had been solicited to canvass were idle and left saying, "Oh, I could've stayed home."

It is very important that canvassing before, during, and after a drive be well organized, for this is the only opportunity one has of selling registration to an unregistered person in the latter's home. Here again, I feel this was an obvious lack of coordination on the part of the "leaders" of the drive.

It is not the intent of my report to involve personality clashes with the drive,but the clashes which did take place unquestionably prevented the drive from being a better drive. It is not enough for one to satisfy oneself with mediocrity. One must reach for the apex of productivity in an endeavor of this nature.

As for the production goes, I think it would be unfair and foolhardy to say that the drive was not productive. It was. The point to emphasize in criticizing the drive is that more damage resulted from it than good, because it almost completely eliminates the possibility of those involved ever working together again as a body of well-organized people.

Most of the participants will not forget the wild and foolish antics of the asinine but truculent Rev. Bennette. Nor will they forget the dictatorial tactics of Jesse Hill. If another drive of this nature is conducted with the latter at the helm of the operation,

I feel it would suffer ineffably.

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Weldon J. Rougeau

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Courthouse Open 9 To 5 Daily

Last Week To Register For Elections This Fall

Atlanta Daily World, 4-26-64

Atlantans who plan to vote in the fall primaries and general elections will have to get their names on the county books as registered voters by this Saturday, which is the cut-off date set up by the Fulton County Registration Office.

The All-Citizens Registration Committee, which has been seeking as many registered voters as possible, will continue its efforts during this final week, but night registration has ended.

Registration had been held at various Atlanta high schools at night for benefit of persons unable to register during regular hours. During the final week of registration at the schools approximately 7,000 people became registered voters, Jesse Hill, committee chairman, reported Saturday.

The final week saw the committee set up registration booths at Archer, Harper and Booker T. Washington high schools.

This week committee representatives will continue to urge people to visit the courthouse for registration between 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. each day through Saturday.

The committee plans to attract as many prospective voters as possible, even on the final day of registration, and is considering a march to the courthouse to dramatize the idea.

Meanwhile it was disclosed that the All-Citizens registration com-

Last Week To

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mittee is still seeking funds to set up a permanent organization to push voter registration. Efforts to increase the number of registered voter have proved to be expensive, and the committee is badly in need of funds to cover operation costs, spokesmen said.

Herman Russell is chairman of the funds committee which includes C. N. Cornell, Asa Yancey, J. R. Wilson, Jr., Huey Carlton, James R. Hayley, and Atty. R. E. Thomas. C. R. Yates is treasurer.

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May 1, 1964

Mr. Jesse Hill, Chairman
All Citizens Registration Committee
148 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303 RE: VEP 4-7

Dear Mr. Hill:

Some time last week, we talked about the reporting requirements to VEP. I indicated that we had received no statistical reporting since Eric Kindberg was dismissed from his assignment. (This, I believe, occurred on the second day of registration at Price High School.) Additionally, we have received no narrative report on the conduct of the drive. I am enclosing a suggested outline to be followed, both on supplying us background information for the drive, and the actual registration activities.

On April 2, we had a conversation about remarks I made in your staff meeting on that date. I indicated I would provide you with a letter setting forth my comments. I hand-delivered the letter to West Fulton High School. In your absence, I gave the letter to Mrs. Harrell who apparently gave it to Mrs. Brayboy. I learned, to my consternation, on Saturday, that Mrs. Brayboy withheld this letter and it has never been delivered to you. For your records, I am enclosing a copy of that letter.

We would appreciate hearing from you on who is to be responsible for preparation of your report to our office.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

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Encls.

210,000 Fulton Citizens Registered; Books Close Tomorrow In Afternoon

Atla Daily World
5-1-64

By STANLEY S. SCOTT
(World's News Staff)

Registration figures released by the Fulton County registrar's office Thursday show a sixty-eight percent increase over the number of persons who qualified to vote in the 1960 presidential election.

With Saturday, May 2, designated as the cutoff date for registering to vote in local, state, and naional elections this year, the registrars office estimated that" at leasf 210,000 persons have registered" to vote.

The massive voter registration drive triggered several months ago by the All-Citizens Registration Committee staffed with 94 Negro deputy registrars and volunteer workers throughout the city had set a goal of 200,000 registered voters before the deadline.

One reason for the tremendous increase, officials say, has been attributed to the use of mobile units for night registration in various committies. Another prime factor has been the use of the Negro deputy registrars for the first time in recent history.

67,000 INCREASE

Chief Registrar Leon G. Hay, "very pleased" with the cooperation that he has received from Negro and white civic and social organizations during the registration drive ,said some 67,000 persons have been added to the voter list since the 1960 election. This figure does not include 12,000 citizens who were purged from the list because they failed to vote in recent elections.

Mr. Hay said 143,076 persons registration of 210 persons, Hay said, "this represents fifty-eight precent of the persons, actually qualified to vote."

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With the deadline for registering only hours away, long lines of people gathered at the Fulton County courthouse Thursday to qualify, and a rush to meet the cutoff is expected at the courthouse today and tomorow.

The registrars office will remain open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Saturday for the convenience of those still interested in registering. Mr. Hay said.

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Registration Cleanup Program Slated Saturday

The All - Citizens Registration Committee is sponsoring a clean up or crash program on the deadline day — May 2 — that the books will be closed for this year's fall elections.

Unregistered citizens may go to the Fulton County Courthouse from several pick-up stations, which will be operating from 10 a. m. until 2 p. m., according to officials. Information may be secured through 524-1370.

The pick -up stations will be as follows:

Dixie Hills Plaza, on Verbena Street, manned by Robert Jackson and S. Chilsholm.

Ivey Bros. Funeral Home, 492 Larkin St., S. W., manned by Mrs. Irma Birdsong.

Calvary Temple Baptist Church, 700 Cooper St., S. W., manned by Mrs. Alvie Nixon.

New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Proctor and Paynes Ave., manned by Mesdames Annie Hill, Doris Davis and Bertha Guinyard.

Allen Temple Church, Simpson and West Lake, and Free For All Baptist Church, North Avenue, manned by Charles Hart.

Summerhill Extension, Butler St. YMCA and South Atlanta Civic Council, Jonesboro Road, manned by L. D. Simon, Benny T. Smith and Mr. Barnes.

Tabernacle Baptist Church, 475 Boulevard, N. E., and Mt. Zion Second Baptist Church, 137 Boulevard, N. E., manned by Samuel Sheats and Mr. Maddox.

Management office of Carver Homes, manned by Mr. Brown.

Messrs. O. Shellman and Robert Dobbs will be working in the Northwest section.

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Citizens Told Last Chance To Register

Citizens in the Fulton County area, in addition to those throughout the state of Georgia, are reminded of the May 2 deadline for registering in order to be qualified for the primary and general election.

Officials at the Fulton County Voter Registration office have announced the books will be open until late evening Friday and until noon Saturday, the day of the deadline.

An intensive campaign has been waged the past two months to raise the number of qualified registered voters to 200,000 by the May 2 date.

The voter registration campaign efforts resulted in large numbers of un-registered residents in the county being reached through an operation called Neighborhood Registration Centers," where deputy registrars were brought in at various schools to help un - registered citizens in the areas to qualify.

Under the neighborhood registration plan in Fulton County some 94 Negroes were sworn in as deputy registrars to aid in the effort. The registration program in predominately Negro areas and some racially mixed areas was spearheaded by the All - Citizens Registration Committee, and other civic groups.

In an address in Monroe, Georgia Gov. Sanders appealed to every individual in the state to register, "no matter who he may be." He said it is time every citizen stood up and be counted in the matter of making their presence in government felt.

Estimate of New Registrant 12,000 Minimum

PROSPECTUS FOR ATLANTA VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

MARCH 1st to MAY 2nd 1964

Early this year the Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference asked the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to be responsible for a City-wide Voter Registration effort prior to the closing of the registration books in May. SCLC is presently engaged in fulfilling this mandate through the Atlanta All Citizens Registration Committee, one of the local affilliates.

A Voter Registration Drive in Atlanta at this time can have enormous effect on the Voter Registration climate across the entire South. There is a potential of some 70,000 unregistered voters in the Negro community. The existence of neighborhood registration, and the moderate climate of the racial atmosphere make it possible for Atlanta to stir the nation around voter registration the way that Birmingham aroused Negores on the public accommodations issue. It is with this in mind that we embark on an extensive and intensive effort in Voter Registration in this city.

The Drive is already underway. A committee of the All Citizens Registration Committee has negotiated Seven (7) neighborhood registration sites for the ensuing month. The neighborhood organizations have begun their canvassing. The P.T.A.'s, through the March of Dimes Mother's March in each of forty six (46) schools has begun to mobilize to support this effort. The following program is an attempt to reinforce these efforts and to give them sound community support and financial undergirding.

I. STRENGTHENING NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

SCLC Staff will begin working with the Neighborhood Organizations which make up the All Citizens Registration Committee. Their role will be to:

1. Meet with the neighborhood leaders and lay plans for recruiting additional block workers and canvassers.
2. Hold training sessions for canvassers
3. Canvass the entire area in some systematic way.
4. Hold such neighborhood meetings which may be necessary to arouse the community to Register
5. Prepare for Neighborhood Registration
6. Begin to work on Night and Saturday Registration.

Persons other than SCLC Staff may be hired to fulfill thes tasks in areas that cannot be covered by staff.

AREA	COMMUNITY LEADER	STAFF
South Atlanta	Bennie T. Smith	
East Atlanta	Mrs. Johnnie W. Brown	
N.E. Atlanta	Mrs. Christine Hurt	
N.W. Atlanta	Robert Dobbs	

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AREA	COMMUNITY LEADER	STAFF
S.W Atlanta	A. Shields	
West Side	Mrs. Ella Mae Brayboy	
Near West	Mr. Sam Chisholm	
FAR West	B. F. Bulloch	
Grove Park, Center Hill	Charles Hart	
Oakland City Bush Mountain		
Fairburn, Union City Palmetto	Mr. G. F. Frazier	
Roswell, Alpharetta Sandy Springs		
North Atlanta, Buckhead		
Housing Projects University, John Hope Grady Homes Eagan Homes Herndon Homes Perry Homes Carver Homes		

Work in some of these areas may overlap that being done by the P.T.A.'s, but in these cases the Mothers will canvas and the Neighborhood organizations will be responsible for getting the prospective voters down to the Court House or the Neighborhood Registration Center. The Mothers in each school who sho a definie interest and talent for Block work will be encouraged to assume responsibility with the Neighborhood organization.

II. NEIGHBORHOOD REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

This Committee will supervise the Neighborhood Registration Centers, recruit and train Deputy Registrars, recruit and train clerk typists for the Registration Centers.

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Tentative Schedule
Neighborhood Registration

DATE	NAME OF SCHOOL	BOUNDARY AREAS
March 31-April 1st.	Turner High	Westside
April 2	West Fulton	Westside
April 6	Southwest High	Southwest ✓
April 7,8,9	George, Sylvan Hille and Fulton	Southside ✓
April 13,14	Howard High	Northeast
April 15, 16	Price High	Southside
April 20, 21	Archer High	Northwest

III. P.T.A. COMMITTEE

Mrs. Asa Yancey has already begun work as coordinator of the P.T.A. Canvas. Each of the forty six (46) Elementary Schools will be engaged in canvassing their communities during the coming month. These are persons who have previously worked as Mother's March Canvassers with the March of Dimes and are known in their neighborhoods. Mrs. Yancey will continue to coordinate this effort with any staff help which is available and needed.

IV. BUSINESSMEN'S COMMITTEE

One or two of the city's leading Negro businessmen will be asked to convene a meeting of the entire Negro business community. At this meeting the plan for the drive should be presented, the objectives of increased voter registration and their value to the business community. Following this presentation by the conveners, Mr. Hill and Dr. King, an appropriate leader in the business world would begin to secure pledges from those present to support the drive financially. This would also insure a greater participation as speakers etc. of those present and would engage their influence in the Drive. They should each also make a personal effort to see that all of their employees are registered and that they cooperate with the registration effort in some way.

V. CHURCH PROGRAM

Three ministers shall be employed to impliment a pfogram among the churches of our city. One of the ministers should be from each of the Minister's Unions, and should work with the ministers of that Union. Special attention should be paid to the smaller churches in this effort.

Each church should be helped to form a Social Action, or a Registration Committee. This committee should be made up of one person from each chior, board, club or auxilliary within the church. It would be the job of this committee to see to it that each member of their organixation was a registered voter.

The churches should also prepare to make their buildings centers for refreshments and hospitality during the night registration periods. Those not registered should meet their pastor at the church on a designated night at which time the pastor would march with them to the registration center.

VI. DIGNITARIES CANVASS

The job of canvassing has little or no appeal. Our task is to dramatize its importance. This might be done by a Sunday afternoon canvass by certain important personages in the community. Senator Leroy Johnson, Dr. King, pastors throughout the community might be encouraged to canvas on a particular Sunday afternoon. This might give some TV coverage to the role of canvassing.

VII. Public Relations Committee

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BUDGET

To be raised from Atlanta Businessmen, Voter Education Project and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Area Workers	(8x $25 per week, 8 weeks)	1,600.00
Transportation	(busses, 16 nightsx $50 per night)	800.00
	Church busses	400.00
	Cars and Canvas expense	800.00
Deputy Registrars	(10/ Night, 15 nights x 6hrs.)	900.00
Food for Volunteers	(including 35 YWCA workers)	1000.00
Dinner Mtg. with leaders		1000.00
Church Program		600.00
Public Relations	(radio, TV spots, posters etc.) Newspapers	2000.00
Neighborhood Offices	(four)	500.00
	Telephones for offices	200.00
Sound Truck		200.00
Clerical Help	(4 x $35/ wk. x 8 wks.)	1000.00
Postage		700.00
Printing		500.00
		$ 12,200.00

Request from VEP	$6,000.00 — 4,000
from SCLC	3,000.00
Raised Locally	3,200.00
	$12,200.00

SCLC will also provide staff.

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LAUNDRY WORKERS IN VOTER REGISTRATION CONTRIBUTION—Pictured are Mrs. Ella Mae Brayboy, Secretary and Rev. Fred C. Bennette, Jr., Executive Vice President of the All-Citizens Registration Committee receiving a check from James Gause, President of Laundry Cleaning and Linen Workers Union Local No. 218, of which E. L. Abercrombie is Secretary and Treasurer.

The check was donated to defray expenses in the 1964 Voter Registration Drive, Jesse Hill, chairman. At the time this event took place, more than 7,000 new voters had been signed.

Atl. Dly. Wld., 5-5-64

Community Civic Club Asks New Registration Date

The Community Civic Club, which represents people who live in the Dixie Hills area, has called upon the Election Laws Study Comission to recommend to the Fulton Delegation to the General Assembly to work toward the enactment of legislation to extend the present voters registration deadline dates.

In a communique which was sent to each member of the study commission, the club referred to the high incentive evidence by citizens throughout the state to become first class participants in city and state government, and asked extension of the registration deadline be part of election laws to be aired during the current special session of the General Assembly.

The letter was signed by Samuel L. Chisholm, president of the Community Civic Club, who is also a member of the Election Laws Study Commission.

It is the suggestion of the Community Civic Club that the present law setting the deadline date for registration at six months before the general election be extended to August 1 for voting in the primaries and October 1 for voting in the general election.

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Registration Committee To Promote Education, Funds Urgently Needed

The Leadership Cabinet of the All-Citizens Registration Committee during its meeting to assess and evaluate registration, approved a comprehensive plan to educate new and old registered voters. The Committee has just completed a highly successful voter registration campaign vaunting Negro registration well over 60,000.

The exact figures have not been released since the May 2nd deadline. Some estimates place the Atlanta Fulton County registration over 60,000 not including the Atlanta 2nd Ward which is located in DeKalb County. The 2nd Ward leader of the All-Citizens Registration Committee Mrs. Johnnie Brown, would not speculate on the exact number, but said, "Our goal was 4,000 Negro registered voters."

The Committee approved a comprehensive plan to educate some 15,000 newly registered voters, plus previously registered voters. Arrangements have been made to secure voting machines for demonstrations. In addition to the actual machines arrangements are being made to show movies and film strips to expedite mass educa-

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REGISTRATION COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE EDUCATION, FUNDS URGENTLY NEEDED

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tion, as well as other political education programs.

Funds Needed

Herman J. Russell, Chairman of a special Citizens Committee to raise funds for the Registration Committee, told the Inquirer, "Atlanta must raise $10,000 to insure the year round program of this committee, and to pay the large number of unpaid expenses incurred in the successful drive that are unpaid. Since 1961, the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council has carried the financial burden for us by contributing over $15,000 to the Atlanta program. Negroes of Birmingham and New Orleans have raised large sums for registration among themselves. Other than VEP, the support of Dr. M.L. King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference has kept voter registration alive in Atlanta. I appeal to everyone to contribute immediately by sending your contribution to the All-Citizens Registration Committee, 334 Auburn Avenue, N.E., or conveying it to one of the following Finance Committee Members: Dr. Asa Yancey, C.N. Cornell, James R. Hayley, C. W. Leathers, J. R. Wilson, Jr., Huey E. Charlton or Attorney R.E. Thomas." Mr. Russell also stated, "If we are to elect additional Negro State Senators, Attorney D.L. Hollowell a Superior Court Judgeship, Negroes to the Board of Aldermen, the key is the continuation of the well organized vigorous year round program of the registration committee."

Workers Recognition

Jesse Hill, Jr., Chairman of the Committee, appointed a special Committee On Recognition of Volunteer Workers: Mrs. Ella Mae Brayboy, Rev. Fred Bennett, Mrs. Carolyn Yancey, Mrs. Lois Moreland, Miss Anne Caudle, Bennie T. Smith, Robert Dobbs, Robert Jackson, Otelius Shelman, Mrs. Johnnie Brown, Miss Christine Hurt, Mr. Eddie Page, and Ernest Brown. Plans are under way to honor the hundreds of volunteers, such as the Deputy Registrars, year-round community registration workers, PTA Leaders and workers, who were coordinated by Mrs. Yancey. This Committee will plan an appropriate affair in honor and recognition of all volunteer workers.

Neighborhood Registration

The highlight of the campaign was the Night-Neighborhood Registration at Negro High Schools. The totals below do not include persons who were registered at the Courthouse and predominately white high schools, but only those registered at Negro High Schools:

Turner High	1061
Howard High	1407
Price High	1444
Archer High	722
Harper High	414
Washington High	1588
Negro High School Seniors of all Negro Schools	1188
A Grand Total of	7,824

Registration was held at Turner, Howard, Price and Washington for two nights, Archer and Harper only one night.

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May 6, 1964

SPECIAL DONOR LIST

NAME	AMOUNT
Gate City Bar Assn. (Edward S. D'Antignac, Horace T. Ward)	$ 39.00
Dr. C. F. Goosby	10.00
W. T. Robie	10.00
R. E. Thomas	11.00
T. M. Alexander, Sr.	20.00
James B. Harris, M.D.	25.00
Asa G. Yancey, M. D.	25.00
Dr. M. L. Jackson	25.00
Clinton Warner, M. D.	100.00
L. D. Milton	100.00
C. R. Yates	10.00
X. L. Neal	10.00
A. M. Davis, M. D.	10.00
TOTAL -	$395.00

MEMORANDUM

To: Ruth House Alexander
From: Wiley A. Branton

Please deposit the attached checks to the VEP account, representing contributions from individuals.

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May 6, 1964

Mrs. Edwina Smith
S. C. L. C.
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Re: VEP 4-7 (Supplemental)

Dear Edwina:

Enclosed herein is a VEP check in the amount of $400 representing a supplemental grant in support of the registration program just concluded by S.C.L.C. and A.C.R.C. in Atlanta, Georgia.

The restrictions as to payment for food are waived as to any portion of this $400 grant ONLY. Because of the fact that special consideration was given to certain needs of A.C.R.C. in approving this grant, it is our request that you give priority to the requests of Mr. Hill in the payment of bills up to the full limit of this $400, so long as the payments do not violate existing VEP restrictions.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB/p

Encl: check

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Recd 4/11/64 WB

May 11, 1964

To: Attorney Wylie Branton

From: All Citizens Registration Committee

Re: Incurred Expences

Clark College	$324.00
Harden Service Station	202.32
Georgia News Company	100.00
Butler St. Y.M.C.A.	50.00
Area Surveyors	12,31
Ivan Allen	98.06
Southern Bell	39.85
Wing Fast Foto	38.84
Tabernacle Baptist	50.00
Price High School -Janitor	12.00
Harper High School-Janitor	12.00
Church Bus	130.00
Mr. Hector's Bus	16.00
Standard Oil Company	225.00
	1,310.38

Anticipated Additional Expenses

Appreciation Dinner for volunteer workers and Deputy Registrars..$?

Certificates and awards for volunteer workers.....$?

Follow-Up Educational Program.....$?

Anticipated Funds From Community

(Most persons now claim to be giving available funds to Negro candidates and the NAACP ~~Mem~~ Membership Drive)

Churches (We have asked 100 ministers to life special offering $?

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VOTERS REGISTRATION ACHIEVEMENT

Atl. News 5-16-64

During the voter registration period, more than seven thousand eight - hundred and twenty-four person registered to vote in the coming election. There is an appeal being made to aid the drive which saw so many persons registered, and now is the time to prove our interest and concern. All pastors are asked to report to the union finances taken from among their churches to help share the financial burden of getting more registered voters.

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May 19, 1964

Mr. Jesse Hill
Atlanta Life Insurance Company
148 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: VEP 4-7

Dear Jesse:

We were eagerly anticipating receipt of the report on the recently concluded registration campaign here in Atlanta. We understood that a report was being prepared and would reach us shortly. Alas, it has not been forthcoming! May we expect it soon?

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

cc: The Rev. Andrew Young

May 27, 1964

The Rev. Andrew Young
SCLC
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: VEP 4-7

Dear Andy:

We have received no reports to date that Eric Kindberg was preparing on the early phases of the Atlanta campaign. Is it possible for you to look into this matter and see what is causing the delay, and then have the report forwarded to us as soon as possible?

Thanks.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BWI:js

Hold

we are on it 7/9/64

Memo. . . FROM THE DESK OF 4-1

B. I. WHITAKER **DATE** 7-7-64

Wiley,

This is apparently the report Eric Kindberg was to submit on the Atlanta campaign. I have read it several times thoroughly. It contains gross inaccuracies, is completely disorganized, and none of the exhibits are attached. Additionally, the language usage and spelling leave much to be desired.

I would suggest that we communicate this to SCLC and ask that the report be reworked, or discarded. It has little or no value in its present state. Mrs. Brayboy will, I am sure, prepare us a comprehensive report.

BW - The report was given to Andy Young on 7/15/64 who stated that it should not have been sent to us. They have another one to send. WAB

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ALL CITIZENS REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

SCHEDULE OF NEIGHBORHOOD REGISTRATION - 1964

DATES	TIME	NAME OF SCHOOL	BOUNDARY AREAS
Mar. 31-Apr. 1	5:00 - 9:00 P. M.	Turner High	West Side - North: Simpson Road South: Beecher Street East: Chapel Road West: Peyton-Hightower Roads
Apr. 2	5:00 - 9:00 P. M.	West Fulton	West Side - North: Bankhead Ave. South: Simpson Road East: Chapel Road West: Hightower Road
Apr. 6	500 - 9:00 P. M.	Southwest High	Southwest - North: Bankhead Ave. Hollywood Road South: Adamsville East: Hightower Road West: City Limits
Apr. 7, 8, 9	5:00 - 9:00 P. M.	George, Sylvan Hills and Fulton	Southside - North: Lakewood and McDonough Blvd. South: Clayton County Line East: McDonough Road West: Stewart Ave.
Apr. 7, 8, 9	3:00 - 8:00 P. M.	City Auditorium	College Park
Apr. 13, 4	5:00 - 9:00 P. M.	Howard High	Northeast - North: Ponce DeLeon Ave. South: Georgia Railroad East: Moreland Ave. West: Courtland St.
Apr. 15, 16	5:00 - 9:00 P. M.	Price High	Southside - North: Memorial Drive South: Lakewood Ave.. McDonough Blvd. East: Boulevard West: Stewart Ave.
Apr. 20, ~~21~~ Apr. 21	5:00 - 9:00 P. M. 5:00 - 9:00 P.M.	Archer High Harper High	Northwest - North: Peachtree Creek South: Bankhead Ave. East: Marietta St. West: City Limits
Apr. 22, 23	5:00 - 9:00 P. M.	Washington High	West Side North: Bankhead Ave. South: Gordon Street East: Elliott Street West: West View Cemetery - Mozley Park